

Carletta Lundy's Report

Councilmember, Ward II

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"No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."

-Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.

Reflections Since Taking The Oath of Office on December 17th

People ask me, "How is it going? I answer, "Great, I really love it." That doesn't completely sum up my thoughts, but it's a good start! This is a whole new experience. Still, I think this is the best decision I could have made. All goals come with work and the first steps are tough. However, I am really confident as I approach my first quarter. I learned so much, gained confidence, and cultivated relationships along the way.

You can't ask for much more than that!!

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MEETINGS& COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Town Hall Orientation With The Senior Staff (January 7):

I thought it was an effective councilmember orientation. Becoming an effective councilmember is hard work. Therefore, I appreciated having the orientation with the senior staff. Moving forward, I highly recommend that they continue to hold the orientation, especially for anyone who have had little or no direct experience either with the organization, the role they have been elected or with local government, in general.

Partner with GATCCS, Seniors against Domestic Violence (January 17):

Every 3rd Thursday, volunteers serve residents by distributing free food to residents. The food is provided by the Capital Area Food Bank. If you would like to serve or donate clothing, please contact Deacon Barbara Givens @ (301) 277-3775. Also students from Elizabeth Seaton ROTC come out to help and truly make a difference.

Personal Development: One Day - Leadership Speakers Bootcamp (January 19):

I was invited to attend a free training workshop given by Cheryl Wood, International speaker, author, and coach. She is able to help audiences overcome speaker anxieties. The strategic steps and tips she shared to help you reach your message delivery goals were useful to improving my capacity to communicate effectively.

Emerson House Apartments & Parkview at Bladensburg (January 22):

I held a meeting with the Resident Coordinator of Emerson House and the President of the Resident Council at Parkview at Bladensburg to talk about their 2019 calendars of events and to discuss potential collaborations, events, activities and projects.

The Bladensburg Police Department Brothers and Sisters of Bladensburg Mentoring Program (January 23):

Officer Tanksley did an excellent job leading the youth in a uplifting discussion about IDENTITY! They were asked, "What is one word that you would use to best describe yourself?" Some of the words they used to describe themselves were: Loyal, Compassionate, Triumph, Dependable, Courage, and Caring to name a few! Overall, it was an excellent evening. I am so proud of our young people and their parents.

Tour of the Town of Bladensburg (January 24):

The Town Administrator organized a tour of the Town which was led by Code Enforcement Supervisor Rinehart. It was great to have other town staff on the tour with me. I hope to do it again!! It was interesting to see where we begin and another town begins, separated by just a few blocks or houses! I really appreciated everyone taking the time to do this. Thank you.

The Gateway and Phoenix Apartments (January 25):

I reached out to both of these apartment communities, especially to inquire about how they were helping Federal Furloughed Government workers during the Government Shut-down (now ended). Thankfully, both of the management groups for each of these properties did provide assistant to affected residents. One of the apartment communities had a food resource that they shared. Also, they were familiar with the community and business resources information being provided through the Country Executive's Office. I also shared with them that they could also visit our webpage to see a link for these resources as well.

Bladensburg Community Center (January 28):

I met with Jeremy Weiss, Facility Director for the purpose of introducing myself to him and to discuss my desire to hold community meetings with residents for the purpose of enhancing community education & engagement. I clearly understand that as elected officials, and leaders, we can only do so much alone. So we turn to the community and convene our elected officials, local and state leaders and businesses to include faith based organizations who really are partners who would become vested, especially as we take action around town to make a difference for all residents and dare I say, for those who visit our town, and desire to serve or do even do business in the Town.

Consider this: *Research shows that an authentically engaged community improves schools not just by participating in schools events but also by helping to shape reform.*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Councilwoman Jolene Ivy's TOWN HALL MEETING | February 9th | Vista Gardens Community Room, 2nd floor|

LOVE WEEK | February 11 - 15th | Sharing Love Around the Town of Bladensburg| Victory Grace Center |

"PLEASE DON'T PASS ME BY" | Intriguing Performance/Dinner Theater| Saturday, March 9th @ 4 p.m. | Emerson House Apartment| Tickets: \$10, children under 12, \$5| for ticket and more information, please contact Catherine Blount @ (240) 381-8551 |

PORT TOWN QUARTERLY MEETING | February 25th | Hosted by the Town of Bladensburg| 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. | to RSVP contact Debi Sandlin, Town Administrator|

DISTRIBUTION OF FREE FOOD| Thursday, Feb., 21st | 12:30 p.m. | Bladensburg Community Center|

