

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EDUCATION AND EMPOWERMENT



***VICTORY | June 20, 2019** |The Supreme Court released a 7-2 opinion that not only protected a 94-year-old World War <https://familypolicyalliance.com/issues/2019/06/24/victory-bladensburg-victory-us/all>.*

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Council Member Carletta Lundy
MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE 2019



Monthly Report of Community Activities and Meetings

June 1st thru June 7th

June 1:

Caribbean Heritage Festival Bladensburg, MD | Waterfront Park, Bladensburg MD | Along with Mayor, I gave welcome remarks to those persons who were in attendance. I had the honor of greeting and welcoming the County Executive, Angela Alsobrooks | It was a great surprise to receive a thank you card from the County Executive, she writes:

"Dear Mrs. Carletta L. Lundy, I just wanted to say it was a pleasure meeting with you at the CARIBBEAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL Bladensburg, MD. Thank you for your support and I wish you all the best with your future endeavors and your position as COUNCIL MEMBER WARD II, Town of Bladensburg, MD. Sincerely, Angela Alsobrooks, County Executive"

June 4:

Introduction Meeting with Rev. Gail Addison

- Council Member Dorsey and I attended an introduction meeting with Reverend Gail Addison, President / CEO, End Time Harvest Ministries (ETHM), Inc.

Parkview Resident Council Tenant Meeting

- Along with Mayor James, Council and Town Staff, I attended the meeting to share information with residents. Additionally, it was good to see the residents are intentional about having an organized and effective resident council as evident from their discussion about the first Amendment to By-Laws of Parkview at Bladensburg Tenant Council, Election of Committee Volunteers and Executive Board Nominations.

June 8th thru June 14th

June 10:

Town of Bladensburg Work Session & Council Meeting

- At the Work Session I had the opportunity to present to Council & Staff present of a Description of Unpaid Student Internship (UPSI) project for summer 2019 student from the International High School @ Langley

Park (IHSLP) in Bladensburg Maryland. In accordance with - **Proposed update to Mayor/Council "Good Will" Projects Policy, dated June 10, 2019**, the project was adopted as proposed and approved by majority vote at the Council meeting. The following excerpt is a quote from the IHSLP students essay, entitled: **"Why I Want to Intern" with Councilwoman Carletta Lundy**: *"This internship is important to me because it will help me with my personal growth, experience new things, learn more about myself, learn more about my weakness and strengths, learn from my mistakes, give back to my community, and pave the way for International High School students and other immigrant students to know they can make a difference at the legislative level."*

- Additionally, I really enjoyed listening to Bladensburg High School and Port Town Elementary Students presentations on **"What the Flag Means To Me" Essay Contest**. One student writes: *"...the flag is more than a piece of cloth to me. It also symbolizes greatness."*
- The Town of Bladensburg launched a **"More Beautiful" Bladensburg Awards Recognition program**. It will recognize single family and townhome property owners who have invested in upgrading and enhancing their properties through improved landscaping. Two recipients of the "More Beautiful" Bladensburg Award will be recognized during the Town's Annual Fireworks Celebration on Saturday, July 6, 2019 at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park.

June 11:

Prince George's State of the County Address

- Mayor James, Town Staff and I attended the first State of the County Address by Angela D. Alsobrooks, Prince George's County Executive since taking office in December 2018. Following are a few highlights since taking office: The County Executive commented on receiving State funding resources, the Adoption of the FY2020 Budget by County Council; Summer Youth Enrichment Program (SYEP) Expansion, specifically, the number jobs opportunities have doubled from 3,000 to 6,000 and the age range eligibility is extended from 14-22; Securing Public-Private Partnerships; Increased Traffic Safety efforts; Community outreach, specifically decreased 311 wait time to 17 seconds; Participation in hundreds of community meetings and events; Beautification initiatives: Cleaner and Greener County by launching the Countywide Beautiful Campaign, Championed illegal dumping legislation targeting bulky trash items and installation of 10 hidden cameras at dumping hot spots in the County; *"Together, we are Prince George's Proud and the Crown Jewel of Maryland."* ~ Angela Alsobrooks, County Executive

Town Hall Meeting – On the Health and Human Services Needs of Prince George's County

- The Prince George's Board of Health hosted a Town Hall Meeting where I testified before the County Council about **'Building a Healthier Prince George's County Together'**. The Town Hall meeting was held in partnership with the RAND Corporation, a research organization that develops solutions to public policy challenges to make communities healthier. The County Council contracted the RAND Corporation to complete the Health and Human Needs Assessment for Prince George's County. I invited Ms. Claudia Remington, Executive Director of the Maryland State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect. During her remarks, she commented, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) is the "greatest public health problem of our time." As it relates to how can the County improve mental health in our communities, I testified before the County Council that more research on ACEs could aid social transformation. Additionally, building pathways to resilience in people of all ages, in children, in everybody and adults is would aid us in building a healthier Prince George's County because what helps us as a community is the ability to preserve in your

resilience and commitment. I ended my remarks sharing the following – "I hope we can all agree that stronger communities raise even stronger families". Over 30 people from various walks of life testified before the County Council. It was impactful and I appreciated everyone's remarks about their vision for a healthier community.

June 13:

Summer Fest | Kentland Community Center

- Prince George's County Councilwoman Jolene Ivey hosted - District 5 Summer Fest at Kentland Community Center. It was a wonderful event for the community. I attended with my family. I also appreciated the opportunity to greet, have conversations and meet new people.

June 15th thru June 21st

June 15:

Save the Peace Cross Documentary

- Renee Green, advocate, writing and director of Save the Peace Cross Documentary hosted a viewing of the film. The documentary honors World War I Veterans. The cross was built has a memorial to WWI veterans. It commemorates a special event in our history. I was interested in learning – Who named the Peace Cross? From the film I learned that the mothers of the fallen hero's gave the Peace Cross its' name. I really would like to see the documentary shown on Public Television. It would be great if we could have a telethon to raise money in support of the Peace Cross.

The Bladensburg C.O.P.S. Unit Presents Block Park and Summer Jam

- This was a free family friendly community event held at Autumn Woods Apartment Community. As I mingled with residents the feedback was very positive. There was food and fun for everyone. The Explorers also did a great job, so proud of all of them. Hats off to our Police Officers, Volunteer Fire Department and our Public Works crew. Officer Hawkins served well as our grill master. Great leadership from Officer Tanskley, Ms. Cortney and everyone who made this event so much fun for all.

June 18:

Annual Awards Program – Police Chiefs' Association of Prince George's County

- The Annual Awards Program presented Department and Association Awards to Police Officers and Civilian Employees was held at Glenarden Municipal Center. PFC Michael Hawkins was nominated and selected Officer of the Year, Bladensburg Maryland Police Department. What a great honor for Officer Hawkins and his family. Sergeant Mujahid Ramziddin, Prince George's Police Department, who died in the line of duty on Feb., 21, 2018 received the President's Award. Chief Henry G. Norris, Jr. (Retired); Landover Hills Police Department received the Hall of Fame Award. Keynote speaker, the Honorable Aisha N. Braveboy, State's Attorney, Prince George's County gave an inspiring remarks. Awardees earned the recognition of their peers, agencies, and the Police Chiefs' Association of Prince George's County.

June 20:

Emerson House Celebrates 40th Anniversary

- On behalf of Mayor James, Council and Town Staff, it was my honor to present a Proclamation from the Town in honor of the 40th Anniversary Celebration. The proclamation was presented to Ms. Pat Bessette, President, Quantum Real Estate Management, Emerson House and Mr. Andrew Drier, Vice President. The room was decorated beautifully, the music was great and the catered lunch was delicious! We danced, sang, enjoyed a great lunch, and overall it was a wonderful occasion. In attendance was First Gentleman Walter James, who gave remarks and extended special congratulations from Mayor James, and Chief Stone and Deputy Chief Collington. Thank you to Quantum for hosting this event to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Emerson House, Bladensburg Maryland.

June 22nd thru June 26th

2019 Maryland Municipal Leagues (MML) Summer Conference

Summary | Realize the Value | Maximize The Experience | 2019 Theme: Together We Can

I was grateful to be able to attend the MML Summer Conference this year because it was clear to me as a first time attendee, newly elected official and being new to municipal government, that this conference would help me to meet the ongoing challenges of this new role. Therefore, I enrolled in the Academy for Excellence in Local Government of which some of my colleagues have graduated. As a municipal enrollee, I am required to successfully complete nine core and five electives to earn certification. So, because of this, at the conference, I had to complete the following 5 core classes: (Consensus and Team Building, Ethics, Conducting Effective Meetings, Employment Issues, and Municipal Budgeting). These classes were useful because they exposed me to what I need to help me be successful in my role as a part of the Mayor and Council and the information shared gave me insight into how to mitigate issues and work better with my colleagues and with Town staff. What I truly appreciated about the instructors is not only the fact that they were experienced and knowledgeable but that they were Municipal leaders themselves. In addition to taking the core classes, I also attended many other meetings, classes, had voting opportunities and enjoyed conversations over meals and all the networking opportunities were great. We should be pleased to have MML as our association of cities and towns, because it's the only statewide organization in Maryland composed solely of municipal officials, here to serve us so that we can better serve you.

So as one of your Municipal leaders, the value in having attended MML's summer conference is that this training as well as continuous training can only enhance my knowledge, and build capacity as well as skills, that will improve my ability to work, serve and make decisions.

CABINET SECRETARIES ROUNDTABLE | It was like the stock exchange in there. I had the opportunity to meet face-to-face with key State officials to learn if there was an agency program our Town can benefit from. I shadowed our Mayor at one of the tables, listening to her dialogue.

Snap Learning: Receive Surplus Property from the State |Resource: **Surplus Property, MD Department of General Services** | Computers for Learning program www.computersforlearning.gov. I have shared this information with the Principal and Assistant Principal at the IHSLP who I know their teachers and students would certain benefit from receiving this resource. Also, I've reached out to the Principals at Port Towns Elementary and Rogers Heights about their need and to share this resource.

SUSTAINABLE Maryland/Town of Bladensburg: QUALITY OF LIFE

Conference Exhibitor| HEAL Cities and Town Campaign

As we consider *Collaborations and Partnerships*, together MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR THE PLANET, where we live, work, worship and play, for example, collaborations with our Port Towns, Cottage City Community Garden (422 Cottage Terrace, Cottage City) and Town Green Team, I had the opportunity to visit with HEAL Cities and Town Campaign – They provide free technical assistance and support to Maryland's municipalities to create healthy, prosperous communities. 1301 Connecticut Avenue, NW WDC 20036 (240) 253-1036.

Main Street| Chesapeake City Maryland, C&D Canal, Recreational Trail| AHA!! Plantable Seed Bookmarks – When planted, the seeds grow into wildflowers. This is a unique and green promotional item that we can use to promote as well as share with our Town residents. <https://www.botanicalpaperworks.com/subscribe>

EARTH DAY | Plant & Grow 4 Earth Day| SEED PAPER THAT GROWS



I did sign up for the monthly newsletters that include coupons, freebies, helpful resources, inspiration, and more.

Seat Pleasant – A Smart City of Excellence | WHY BECOME A SMART CITY| \$30M investment

The presentation given by Mayor Eugene Grant was interesting and pack with a lot of information

- Cost to Municipalities: 65K to subscribe | Yearly cost \$65K| Digital Transformation
- Benefits – No matter the size of the government or where you are in your city or town: Utilize data for better decision making; improve effectiveness and efficiency; improve collaboration; fight crime; prepare for emergencies; personalize government services
- Questions: Are there more technologies that would serve/benefit Town residents?

June 27:

Unpaid Summer Student Internship

- This was the first meeting held with summer intern from the International High School @ Langley Park (IHSLP). The first meeting provided an overview of his daily schedule, activities, and responsibilities to begin or accomplish - June 27 thru August 1, 2019. The site location for the work is the IHSLP. His project: Community Forum and Panel Discussion on Immigration and Health Care. There will be a brief discussion

and Q&A with local experts. Budget: Printed Promotional Material (flyers); Refreshments; Staff Resources: Marketing; and Secretary

- NOTES| On July 31st or August 1st – Time: 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. or 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Open the Town Hall to have Jimmy present his capstone, oral presentation. Invitations will be sent to family, friends, elected official and others.
- Schedule a site visit to the Town Hall for a tour of our offices, meet staff and officials
- Certificates of Achievement from Mayor & Council, Town of Bladensburg
- Certificate of Achievement from Senator Malcolm Augustine

June 29:

Municipal Leaders Breakfast Meeting | IHOP – Port Towns Shopping Center

- *Councilwoman Jolene Ivey hosts a Municipal Leaders Breakfast. The topic: Working together to create stronger communities: What you may need from the County and how we can work together.*