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Mayor reflects on a standout year and Danville's momentum

Mayor Alonzo Jones read an open letter to Danville residents and City employees during Tuesday night's meeting of the Danville City Council, reflecting on the City's accomplishments in 2025 and expressing optimism for the year ahead.

In the letter, Mayor Jones highlighted Danville's growing momentum and increasing recognition across Virginia and the nation as a model for innovation, collaboration, and community-driven progress. He pointed to years of strategic investments and strong partnerships that have helped position the City for continued success.

The Mayor also recognized the dedication of City employees, noting that City departments earned 33 awards in 2025, and referenced Danville's proud legacy as an All-America City, with honors in 1977, 2020, and 2024.

"Danville's progress is the result of people who believe in this community and work every day to move it forward," Mayor Jones said during the meeting. He thanked residents for their continued support and City employees for their creativity, commitment, and service.

Looking ahead to 2026, Mayor Jones shared confidence in Danville's momentum and emphasized the importance of unity, shared vision, and continued collaboration as the City builds on recent successes.

The full text of Mayor Jones' open letter is available below.

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**An Open Letter from Mayor Alonzo Jones
to the residents of Danville and City employees**

My friends,

As I look back on 2025, one thing is clear: this has been a remarkable year for Danville. Everywhere I go—every neighborhood, every event, every department—I feel the energy of a city that believes in itself. And let me tell you, people across Virginia and across the country are noticing.

For years, city leaders—past and present—have worked with you to invest in Danville’s future. Those efforts have taken time, patience, and determination. But today, those investments are paying off in ways none of us could have imagined. Danville is now held up as an example of how a community can rebuild, reinvent, and reimagine itself. That is something every one of us should be proud of.

Over the years, our city has earned dozens of awards for innovation, strong partnerships, and results that make a real difference in people’s lives—including the All-America City awards in 1977, 2020 and again in 2024. And in 2025 alone, our City of Danville departments and employees brought home **33 awards**. That kind of recognition doesn’t happen by accident. It happens because we have talented, hardworking people who care deeply about this community.

To our residents: thank you for believing in Danville’s future. You inspire everything we do.

To our City employees: thank you for your creativity, your commitment, and your heart. You are helping build a city that is stronger, safer, and more hopeful every single day.

And here’s the best part—**we’re not done**. Not even close.

As we head into 2026, I am more optimistic than ever. We have momentum. We have a vision. And most importantly, we have each other. If we keep working together, supporting one another, and dreaming big, the best days of Danville are still ahead.

Let’s keep going. Let’s keep building. Let’s keep believing in what’s possible.

With pride and gratitude,

Alonzo L. Jones
Mayor, City of Danville