

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred D. Lott, ICMA-CM, CPM
City Manager

DATE: March 28, 2019

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

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1. Spring Green Bowie Events

5th Annual Earth Day Concert and Art Display: April 5 at 7 p.m. Bring the family out for a night of entertainment supporting local acts and local art to kick off Earth Month! This event takes place at the Bowie Center for Performing Arts (BCPA) and is hosted by the Green Team. For information, contact Ashleigh at aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044. This event is free but tickets must be purchased. For tickets visit <http://www.bowiecenter.org/tickets.html>.

9th Annual Bowie Green Expo: at Kenhill Center April 13, 12 - 4 p.m. The theme of this year's Bowie Green Expo is "educate the youth, inspire the future". Browse green vendors, check out the kids zone, grab green giveaways, and much more! For information, contact Ashleigh at aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044, or the Bowie Lions Club at 301-262-2665.

Film Showing-Paris to Pittsburgh: April 25 at Kenhill Center at 6:30 p.m. The Bowie Environmental Advisory Committee will host a showing of the film Paris to Pittsburgh, which focuses on the effects of climate change, and what we can do in our own cities and towns to help prepare for and mitigate its effects. Residents are invited to view the film and participate in discussion.

Annual Bowie-Crofton Garden Club's Spring Plant Sale: April 27, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. The annual native plant sale hosted by the Bowie-Crofton Garden Club takes place in the Bowie High School/ Bowie Branch Library parking lot. Learn how to create pollinator gardens with true native plants; instructional program, 10 - 11 a.m. Vegetables, flowers, trees and shrubs will be available as well.

2. County Council Results, CB-1-2019 (Fence Height Legislation)

On Tuesday, March 26th, the Prince George's County Council conducted a public hearing and vote on CB-1-2019 (DR-2), a bill that will allow a municipal legislative body to

enact local ordinances authorizing the erection of fences that exceed the height limitations otherwise prescribed by law. The City Council reviewed this bill, urging the County Council to approve it, pursuant to a letter dated February 28, 2019. City staff attended the public hearing on March 26th to verbally re-affirm the City's position. At the conclusion of the County Council's public hearing, Councilmember Derrick Leon Davis moved for **APPROVAL** of CB-1-2019 (DR-2). After the motion was seconded by Councilmember Dannielle Glaros, it passed by an 11-0 vote.

3. Spangler Lane Stormwater Management Pond Restoration

SMI Services, LLC has been contracted by the City for the Spangler Lane Stormwater Management Pond Restoration. This is a FY19 capital project within the "Chesapeake Bay" CIP. Public Works intends to mail residents in close proximity to this site to make them aware of the pending work which will begin in mid-April. The text of that notification is provided below.

Dear Residents of Spangler Lane and Surrounding Area:

The Spangler Lane storm water management pond is scheduled for reconstruction beginning in mid-April 2019. The reconstruction of this pond is needed to comply with Maryland Department of the Environment regulations related to the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay and the region's streams.

The work will include removal of trees, excavation of earth, and hauling of material with dump trucks to and from the site. The pond will have new landscaping, new topsoil will be stabilized with seed and straw mulch and finally a new fence installed. We expect the construction process to take five months.

Should you have any questions please contact the City's project manager, Mr. Pat Rush, at 240-544-5689.

Sincerely,

*City of Bowie
Public Works*

4. Save the Bay from Your Backyard workshop results

On Tuesday, March 26, staff from the Planning Department, Prince George's County Department of the Environment, and the University of Maryland (UMD) Extension Service presented information on the Bay-Wise landscaping certification program through the UMD Master Gardeners program. Of the 15 attendees, most said they will pursue Bay-Wise certification for their yards, and even the most seasoned gardeners in attendance indicated they learned new information. There was a request to have another workshop in a few months, and Planning staff will work on setting one up for May or June.

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