

## MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch  
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: April 2, 2015

1. City Election

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, resident Courtney D. Glass filed her candidacy paperwork for the District 3 Council seat.

2. Bowie Green Expo and Bowie Earth Day Concert

The Green Team Executive Committee invites you to attend two upcoming Earth Month events. On April 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Kenhill Center, the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Bowie Green Expo will be a day of discovery and delight. The event will take place rain or shine and is hosted by Bowie's Green Team, the Bowie Lions Club, and the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce. Learn how it can be easy to go green from exhibitors. See wild animals and Electric Vehicle Sports Racers. Also, get the kids to participate in this year's poster contest. Visit [www.bowiegreenexpo.org](http://www.bowiegreenexpo.org) for full contest rules and for an application.

On April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., there will be a Bowie Earth Day Concert and Exhibit at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts hosted by Bowie's Green Team. It is a free, family-friendly, concert featuring four musical groups performing nature related music and a local student art exhibit that focuses on the theme "Energy". A silent film on nature and the environment by local award winning filmmaker, Ms. Kali Belden, will be displayed as a backdrop during the musical performances. Musical groups scheduled to perform are Category 5 Flute Quartet lead by Caitlyn Callahan, The Choraleers led by Craig Sparks, Suzuki Cello Studio led by Irma Cripe, and the SGI Japanese Taiko Drummers led by Amanda Gardner.

3. Bridge on Governor's Bridge Road

County Council Member Todd Turner notified our office that this bridge will be closed effective March 31<sup>st</sup>. The County's DPW&T received an inspection report indicating there are failures in the truss above the structure which makes the structure unsafe for vehicles. The bridge had reopened last fall after being closed for several months during which a series of repairs were made to beams under the bridge.

4. Stream Cleanup Results

On Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 72 volunteers braved the windy, 34 degree morning at seven streams as part of the City’s 14<sup>th</sup> stream cleanup. They removed approximately 570 pounds of trash and 775 pounds of recycling. The table below lists results for each site and shows some of the bulk items collected. As has been noted previously, the amount of debris removed from streams continues to decline each year, and staff continues to look for input from volunteers and residents to improve the stream cleanup program moving forward.

RESULTS					
	<i>Stream Cleanup Site</i>	<i># of Volunteers</i>	<i>Lbs. of Trash</i>	<i>Lbs. of Recycling</i>	<i>Other Items</i>
1	Buckingham	10	75	75	
2	Fairview	10	25	40	five 1-quart containers of used oil
3	Free State Shopping Center	23	75	125	kid's scooter
4	Heather Hills	5	40	25	shopping cart & a Styrofoam cooler
5	Pointer Ridge	4	75	50	
6	Tasker Middle	2	5	10	
7	Excalibur Road/ behind Walmart	18	275	450	10 feet of rebar, folding chairs, 4' tractor tire, car tires

5. Status of Temporary Holding Rooms

The Temporary Holding Rooms (THR) for dogs and cats became fully operational on February 7, 2015. To date, the City has housed five guests in the rooms – four dogs and one cat:

- Two dogs were claimed by their owners on the day of pickup. No fees or fines were assessed.
- One dog was held at our kennel for five days and the other dog three days. Both dogs were never claimed by their owners. They were delivered to the Prince George’s County Animal Management Facility and were adopted from there.
- The lone cat was held in our kennel for four days and was later adopted.

Ten community volunteers were interviewed and trained to aid City staff with the care and welfare of the pets in our holding rooms. Presently they have cleaned, walked, fed and provided social activity to the pets held overnight in our rooms. Animal Control staff recognized their knowledge and experience and implemented many of their recommendations for additional equipment and amended procedures.

The function and operation of the THR is going well. A major factor in the smooth and effective operations of the THR is the professional knowledge and activities of Animal Control Officers Mike Morreale and Harmony Dale. They have integrated the additional duties associated with the THR with their daily activities and are working effectively as kennel operators and animal control officers.

Staff will provide quarterly updates on the activities and operations of our temporary holding rooms.