

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: July 30, 2015

1. Parks and Grounds Division – Contract for Non-Native Invasive Plant Control and Reforestation at Church Road Park

The adopted Fiscal Year 2016 Budget has allocated \$75,000 towards non-native invasive plant control and reforestation on City property. Staff desires to piggyback on an existing Anne Arundel County contract providing these services. The purpose of the work involved is to provide non-native invasive plant removal and the planting of a variety of native trees on eight acres at Church Road Park. Additional work by vendor will consist of watering and aftercare. The Anne Arundel County bid awarded to Ashton Manor Environmental (contract #4144-004-OB) is in force through March 31, 2016. All terms and conditions of this contract remain in place. As provided by Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven (7) day notice of intent to issue a purchase order to Ashton Manor Environmental in the amount of \$75,000 for these services.

2. Citizens' Police Academy

As part of its ongoing efforts to foster strong ties with the community and increase transparency about how the Police Department functions, the Department will be starting its first Citizens' Police Academy this fall. It is being billed as a new way for the average resident to gain a better understanding of how the department functions. Applications are now being accepted for the initial class of the Citizens' Police Academy, which will take place over the course of nine Tuesday evening sessions this fall. Topics will include, but are not limited to tactical technical training, internal investigations, judgement enhanced training, citizen police interaction, and media relations. The academy is for adults and will be limited to about 20 participants. It will be publicized at National Night Out and through the City's various communications channels. City residents who are interested in participating are invited to complete an application online at www.cityofbowie.org/citizenacademy or can contact the Department at 301-575-2480 or email cops@cityofbowie.org for more information.