

## MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch  
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: August 20, 2015

1. Election

Karl Stehmer withdrew his candidacy for Council District 1 on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

2. Emerald Ash Borer Update

Staff continues to monitor the existing ash curb tree population and has removed over 200 trees to date this season. Staff is ordering 200 replacement trees that meet our requirements from Ashton Manor Environmental of Ashton, MD, using an existing Montgomery County, MD contract for similar services that includes installation and watering with a two-year guarantee. The most affected subdivisions to date are Longleaf, Collington Station, Northridge, Belair Greens, Buckingham, and Saddlebrook (removals to be performed within the next two weeks). Staff anticipates the installation work to begin by mid-September with completion occurring mid-November.

3. Farmers' Market – Old Bowie

Staff met yesterday with Ms. Terry Russell, the proprietor of Simple Pleasures in Old Bowie. Ms. Russell has been trying to secure a location to establish a Farmers' Market in Old Bowie. She is now focused on the Town Green Park. Staff will work with her to facilitate this venture, which she hopes to launch next month. The market is expected to operate on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.