

## MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch  
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: October 15, 2015

1. Swearing-in of New Police Officers

The following officers will be sworn in during Monday's Council Meeting:

Private First Class Anthony Carrai of Ellicott City was previously a member of the Baltimore City Police Department for two years. He graduated from the State University of New York with an Associate in Science.

Private First Class Ryan Magnuson of Middle River was previously a member of the Baltimore City Police Department for three years.

Private First Class Tyrell Thomas of Nottingham was previously a member of the Baltimore City Police Department for three years.

Police Officer Tyler Zittle of Littlestown, PA graduated from the Prince George's County Police Academy on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. He graduated from Shippensburg University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

2. Stakeholders Meeting – Chick-fil-A

A Stakeholders Meeting regarding the Detailed Site Plan application for Chick-fil-A was held on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Attendees included: two representatives of the applicant, and one resident. The resident's concerns were: the current queue of cars for the drive-through extends into East Ballpark Road from time-to-time; and, vehicles in the drive-through lane prevent access to/egress from the handicap parking spaces. It was explained that the new proposal will remedy those situations: the four handicap parking spaces are proposed adjacent to the northern elevation of the restaurant, and cannot be blocked by vehicles in the drive-through lane; and, the drive-through design proposes two lanes, that are physically separated from the main parking lot, which merge into one lane after patrons place their order. This case will be heard by the BAPB on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and by the City Council on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

3. State of Maryland Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP)

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) has developed the State's draft six-year capital investment program for transportation, the Draft FY 2016-2021 CTP. The

following website includes links to the CTP itself, the tour schedule, and highlights of the program:

[http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/Office\\_of\\_Planning\\_and\\_Capital\\_Programming/CTP/CTP\\_16\\_21\\_Draft/Index\\_Draft.html](http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/Office_of_Planning_and_Capital_Programming/CTP/CTP_16_21_Draft/Index_Draft.html)

There are no changes in status for the Bowie projects appearing in the CTP. MD 197 continues to be funded for design only, through FY 2018. All other major projects, such as MD 3, MD 450, and the US 301/MD 197 interchange, are on hold for lack of funding. The Prince George's County Tour Meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 22 at the County Administration Building, County Council Conference Room #2027. City staff will attend.

4. Some City Telephone Numbers are Changing

Beginning October 21<sup>st</sup>, all City telephone numbers that begin with 301-575-xxxx will be changing to 240-544-xxxx. This change affects all of the Police Department numbers and some numbers in every other City department. Most City telephone lines begin with 301-809 and then are followed by a four digit extension. They are not affected by this change. Only numbers that begin with 301-575 will change.

The decision to make this change was not made lightly. We realize that changing telephone numbers can be confusing and disruptive to the public, especially when it comes to contact information for the Police Department.

Several years ago when the City needed to expand its number of telephone lines, it was given 301-575 as the exchange because there were no more 301-809 numbers available for distribution as that exchange is already used by Bowie State University and others. Recently we have come to understand that 911 calls from City lines beginning with 301-575-xxxx may not display complete and accurate call information at the Prince George's County 911 Center. To correct the issue, which could be a potentially serious public safety problem, we must take action now.

During the transition period between October 21 and December 9, callers will be able to use either the old or new numbers to reach City staff. After December 9<sup>th</sup>, the new numbers should be used exclusively. The only exception to the transition period will be the main number for the administrative offices of the Bowie Police Department (301-575-2480). Both the old and new numbers will work for approximately six months. As we approach the launch of the Non-Emergency Call Center, we will exclusively promote the new numbers.

Meanwhile, we have developed a notification and publicity plan to notify the public and other government entities about the coming changes. The change in numbers will be widely publicized through our normal channels and contact information will be updated on the City website, the Government channel, online directory services, etc. We will also send information about the change to local homeowners associations and community organizations and produce flyers that will be available at all City facilities.

In total, over 150 phone numbers are being changed, but many of them are not numbers that are used by the public, such as lines in conference rooms, locker rooms, and storage rooms. Attached is a list of new numbers that we will be sharing with the public.

5. Economic Development Committee (EDC)

The Bowie EDC held their regular meeting on Wednesday. Commercial signs were the principal discussion topic with the Committee receiving a report from the topic team on Bowie's commercial sign rules and the enforcement thereof. The EDC is preparing a letter to send to Council with recommendations about commercial signage. Key points made during the discussion included: commercial sign regulations are the County's, NOT the City's, with the City having enforcement authority within the corporate limits; the City has a code enforcement staff that regularly monitors commercial signage and enforces the rules, but the County may not be as attentive to enforcement thereby giving the appearance that Bowie is tougher – we are not. The EDC also continues with their review and updating of their 2006 Vision and Strategy. The next meeting of the EDC will be on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. in Room 181 at City Hall.

Attachment

# CITY OF BOWIE TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGES

## Bowie Police Department

Name	Title / Division	Old telephone number	New telephone number
Administrative Offices		301-575-2480	240-544-5700
Anonymous Tip Line		301-575-2008	240-544-5770
Criminal Investigation Division		301-575-1852	240-544-5740
Police Department Fax		301-575-2479	240-544-5794
John Nesky	Police Chief	301-575-2482	240-544-5701
Dwayne Preston	Deputy Police Chief	301-575-2481	240-544-5702
Ellen Boswell	Assistant to the Police Chief	301-575-2015	240-544-5777
Richard Wohkittel	Captain	301-575-2019	240-544-5781
John Knott	Lieutenant	301-575-2477	240-544-5793
Joseph Rose	Lieutenant	301-575-1813	240-544-5706
Ernest Stanley	Lieutenant	301-575-1818	240-544-5711
Bennie Henderson	Seargent, Community Services	301-575-1824	240-544-5717
Renee Hance	Personnel Specialist	301-575-2474	240-544-5791

## Community Services Department

Steve Roberts	Code Compliance Supervisor	301-575-5600	240-544-5600
Skip Gormley	Code Compliance Officer	301-575-5605	240-544-5605
Freddie Glass	Code Compliance Officer	301-575-5606	240-544-5606
Tiara Andrews	Code Compliance Officer	301-575-5607	240-544-5607
Annette Esterheld	Community Outreach Specialist	301-575-5601	240-544-5601
Ruth Murphy	Welcome Center	301-575-2488	240-544-5677
Mansion Rentals		301-575-2488	240-544-5677
Rhonda Simon	Bowie Youth & Family Services	301-575-3200	240-544-5873

## Public Works Department

Missy Marlette	Streets & Utilities Division	301-575-2472	240-544-5686
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## Human Resources

Main number		301-575-5613	240-544-5613
Tracey Whiteleather	Senior Human Resources Generalist	301-575-2485	240-544-5627