

## MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch  
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: October 22, 2015

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1. Leaf Disposal

The City's curbside leaf collection is scheduled for November 2 – December 17, 2015. It is estimated that 1,500 tons of leaves will be collected. The Public Works Department has identified a Calvert County Government Contract with McKnew Chipping, Inc. for the processing and hauling of bulk leaves, which meets the City's needs, at a cost of \$49.80 per ton. McKnew Chipping will use the City's scale to weigh each load as it leaves the Public Works facility.

The Public Works Department recommends that we "piggyback" on the Calvert County Government Contract for the processing and hauling of bulk leaves by McKnew Chipping, Inc. in an estimated amount of \$74,700. The budget for this work is \$42,500; however, that number was based on an Anne Arundel County contract which is no longer available for piggyback. The funds for the leaf disposal will come out of the Solid Waste Disposal Fees account.

As provided by Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven (7) day notice of intent to enter into an Agreement with McKnew Chipping, Inc. for the processing and hauling of bulk leaves at \$49.80 per ton.

2. Composting Workshop for Beginners Held at City Hall

A free composting workshop was held on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 11 a.m. at City Hall. The focus of the event was to educate those that are new to composting about best practices, and the presenter was Doug Alexander, whose nonprofit helped to fund the City's \$20 compost bin program. There were 23 attendees, and compost bins were available for City residents to purchase after the workshop. There were 10 bins sold at the event, and there have been about 190 bins sold since the program began in August.

3. Old Bowie Smoke Alarm Install Blitz

On Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., the City of Bowie will partner with Lowe's of Bowie, as well as the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department and the Prince George's County Fire Department, in a community smoke alarm blitz. Firefighters will be checking to

make sure there is a properly installed and working smoke alarm in each home. If there is no working smoke alarm in the home, one will be installed, completely free of charge.

The area of focus will be in the Huntington section of Bowie, from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Street, between Maple Avenue, east to the railroad tracks. This encompasses 80 plus homes.

This partnership is made possible due to the generosity of Lowes of Bowie, who donated 100 smoke alarms free of charge, and to the dedicated firefighters from the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department and the Prince George's County Fire Department.

The event will kick-off at Bowie VFD Station 19, located at 13008 9<sup>th</sup> Street at 10:00 a.m.

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