

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: March 31, 2016

1. Upcoming Green Bowie Events

April is Earth Month, and there will be many opportunities to celebrate. On Saturday, April 9th, attend the Bowie Green Expo from 12-4 p.m. at the Kenhill Center. It is a free, family event open to the public. Activities include a Kids' Zone with live entertainment, an electric car display, and over 50 vendors showcasing their environmental friendly products and services. This year's Green Expo theme is "Reduce, Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose." The event is hosted by the Bowie Lions Club, the City of Bowie, and the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce. Visit www.bowiegreenexpo.org for more information.

On Thursday, April 14th, come to the ImagineBowie Mixer on Tiny Houses at Old Bowie Town Grille from 6-8 p.m. Meet new people and learn about tiny houses from someone who built one. Tiny houses are typically under 500 square feet and are a way to live simply. They are affordable and environmentally friendly. Food and drink will be available for purchase during the talk. Register at www.tinyhousemixer.eventbrite.com.

On Sunday, April 24th, Bowie's Green Team will host their second annual Earth Day Concert and Art Exhibit at the BCPA from 7-9 p.m. Admission is free so that all may enjoy. Come celebrate our local landscape with a short film "Centennial Celebration of Nature" by local filmmaker Kali Belden. There will be live musical performances by the Capital Reeds, Waso Taiko (Japanese Drums) and Walidanés (Women's African Drums). Enjoy artwork on display by local artist Nathaniel Scott featuring repurposed building materials as well as the Bowie Green Expo Poster Contest winners.

On Saturday, April 30th, join the Bowie-Crofton Garden Club and the Bowie Green Team for the 26th annual Spring Plant Sale, which will be from 8-12 p.m. in the Bowie Library parking lot on Annapolis Road. A wide variety of plants, shrubs, herbs, vegetables, and yard and houseplants will be for sale. Also available will be native plants kits for Monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

2. Stream Cleanup - Saturday, April 2

The annual spring stream cleanup is this Saturday, April 2 from 9 a.m. to noon. We invite each of you to join us and about 70 resident volunteers for our 15th cleanup. The list of streams to be cleaned and the meeting places are noted in the table below (one site is still tentative). There is still time to register, which is needed to ensure the proper amount of supplies at each site, so please share this information with your constituents.

Neighborhood/ Area	Stream	Meet-up site
Bowie Town Center	Green Branch	Behind California Tortilla
Heather Hills	Green Branch	Holiday Lane pump station
Meadowbrook	Millstream Branch	Free State Shopping Center (behind Giant)
Saddlebrook*	Horsepen Branch	Ridge Farm Court
Old Town Bowie	Horsepen Branch	Stream crossing on Zug Road
<i>*tentative site</i>		

3. WSSC Work Near Long Ridge

WSSC will be starting a sewer main lining project on a sewer located west and south of the Long Ridge Subdivision in May 2016. The project has no impact on sewer service. Residents of Long Ridge will see activity by the WSSC contractor who will be accessing the sewer via the south end of Long Ridge Lane. Residents in the immediate area have been notified directly by WSSC. A copy of their notification letter is attached.

4. Fire Hydrant Flushing

The Public Works Department will be conducting annual flushing of fire hydrants between April 4 and May 3, 2016 in those areas served by Bowie Water. Customers may experience some discolored water since the process stirs up sediment in the water mains. While there are no health risks associated with the discolored water, residents are discouraged from doing laundry when flushing is being done in their area since the discolored water can stain clothes. The schedule and additional information is posted on the City’s website.

5. Prince George's County Resource Conservation Plan

Staff from the Planning Department attended an Open Forum hosted by M-NCPPC on Wednesday, March 30, for the Countywide Resource Conservation Functional Master Plan (Resource Conservation Plan, or RCP). The RCP is being developed to address and aggregate four State-mandated planning processes and will include: an updated Green Infrastructure network (Natural Resources), agriculture policies that will now apply to urban and rural lands as well as agricultural lands in the Priority Preservation Area (Priority Preservation Area Element), a no-net loss tree canopy policy (Forestry Element), and technical corrections to maps (Sustainable Growth). M-NCPPC staff made brief presentations, gathered input from the approximately 35 attendees, and discussed the next steps. A municipal input session will be held on May 4 from 6:30-9:00 p.m.,

hosted by the City at the Kenhill Center, and a draft of the Plan is expected by June. Public hearings will follow, and County Council is expected to adopt the RCP by the end of the calendar year. More information is available online:

http://www.pgplanning.org/Projects/Resource_Conservation_Plan.htm .

Attachment



Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission
Systems Inspection Group
Customer Notification

January 15, 2016

WSSC ISG Project Manager – Construction
ATTN: Mr. Jason Staley
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Laurel, MD 20707

Re: **Contract PM5295A11 – Inland Waters (TASK ORDER #7 –CI/CK5295Z11)**

Dear WSSC Customer:

A contractor working for WSSC is getting ready to begin a sewer rehabilitation project in your neighborhood. Improvements will be made to manholes and you could also see work being performed on the sewer mains. A WSSC inspector will supervise all of the work.

You may see temporary, above ground sewer pipes which will be used to move the wastewater around the areas under construction. The contractor will monitor the temporary by-pass system around the clock.

Some of the sewer mains could also be replaced. When possible, WSSC uses trenchless technology to minimize disruption to roadways and the environment in general. However, there are projects that require traditional methods where the roadway will be dug up in order to replace a sewer main.

The rehabilitation project will not interrupt your sewer or water service, however you will see various pieces of construction equipment in your neighborhood and you could experience temporary changes to traffic patterns.

WSSC will provide notice, via a door hanger, 48 hours prior to the beginning of construction. This project is expected to be completed August 2016.

We understand these types of projects cause an inconvenience and we appreciate your patience as we work to provide you with improved sewer service.

If you have questions about this project, please contact Derrick Jones, the Inspector at 240-997-9215 or by email at Derrick.Jones@wsscwater.com and reference Contract PM5295A11 – Inland Waters (TASK ORDER #7 – CI/CK5295Z11). I am also happy to answer your questions. I am available Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Emergencies related to this work should be reported to WSSC's 24 Hour Emergency Call Center at 301-206-4002.

Sincerely,

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