

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: John L. Fitzwater
Acting City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: June 30, 2016

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1. Route 214 Resurfacing

The City has received notification from the Maryland State Highway Administration about the resurfacing of Route 214 from Devonwood Drive east to beyond Route 301. SHA has indicated, "The contractor has been given notice to proceed to begin paving on July 5th. He has 10 days to begin site work including material clearance and the marking of patches. This is the #1 priority for this District paving contractor". The resurfacing of this section of roadway is much needed and should greatly improve the travel on this section of roadway.

2. Town Center Sidewalk Repair Work

Bowie Town Center Management has contacted the City and indicated that they will be doing sidewalk repair work from July 12 – 14. This work will be done after midnight along Emerald Way from the fountain to Macy's. The work is being done at night because of the cutting and demolition of the bad areas. The work is needed to repair cracks and erosion that have become a safety hazard. Bowie Town Center did larger projects earlier this year and last year at night that did not generate any concerns from surrounding residents. Since this work is internal to the site, noise created by this activity should be mostly absorbed by the surrounding buildings.

3. Locating and Identifying Underground Utilities

The Public Works Department located a contract with WSSC (Contract #1101) for locating and identifying underground utilities through Pinpoint Underground, LLC, upon which we will be able to piggyback. This service is used to locate water and sewer lines in the Levitt sections of Bowie, cable/fiber communication conduits for City facilities, and streetlight cable throughout the City. This year we have budgeted \$35,000 for this service. We will sign a contract and issue a purchase order to Pinpoint Underground, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$35,000. As provided in Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven (7) day notice of intent to purchase.

4. Green Bowie Programs Update

The \$20 Compost Bin Program, which offers discounted compost bins to residents, was very successful. There were 320 bins purchased in August 2015 to sell to residents, and all have been sold. There will be 280 more bins purchased in the beginning of FY17 to continue the program. The Bowie Energy Audit Program, which covers the cost of a \$100 BGE energy audit, has had 98 participants in FY16 compared to 100 in FY15. This program will continue in July 2016. The Weed Warrior Program, which utilizes volunteers to remove invasive English ivy from Whitemarsh Park, has had 113 volunteers participate over six workdays in FY16 compared with 83 total volunteers in FY15. The program will continue in fall 2016. The City's Tree Rebate Program, which offers \$50 and \$100 rebates to residents that plant trees in their yards, has resulted in only nine trees being planted in FY16 compared with 27 in FY15. However, the Planning Department has received funding from the Chesapeake Bay Trust to design a more effective tree planting campaign during FY17.

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