

News Flash Update

(as of 9/12/2018 at noon)

Hurricane Update

Hurricane Florence has continued to shift her track south, moving much of the strength of the storm away from Maryland. There is now only a 20% chance of tropical force winds for Bowie and about 2 to 4 inches of rain are expected over the next seven days. While this is good news, it is important to stay alert and prepared. It cannot be stressed enough that the track of the storm, the timing, and the magnitude can all change very quickly. We will continue to monitor this storm closely and will provide more updates if necessary.

While we may have dodged a major storm this time, hurricane season does last until the end of November. We encourage you to make sure you have a well-stocked emergency kit. To help you, we have produced a short video about how to make an emergency kit. You can view it at <https://youtu.be/RySWz5G3Zvg>.

Weather Related Cancellations

The following City events have been canceled because of anticipated rainy weather expected this weekend:

- Cop for a Day (this event will be rescheduled)
- Petting Zoo at the Bowie Farmer's Market (postponed to 9/23/2018)
- Weed Warriors at White Marsh Park (canceled)

Please note: The Bowie Health Fair is still scheduled for Saturday, 9/15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The organizers plan to make a final decision on the event by Thursday afternoon.

City Council Meeting – Monday, September 17, 8 p.m.

The next Regular City Council meeting is Monday, September 17. Three items are on the agenda for that meeting.

Two of the items relate to a proposed development called **South Lake** (formerly known as Karington), which is to be built on the southwest side of the US 301 (Crain Highway)/MD 214 (Central Avenue) intersection. The developer is Karington LLC.

In 2004, the developer received Preliminary Plan approval from Prince George's County to build a mixed use development of 1,294 homes. Karington LLC has filed a new Preliminary Plan application to increase the number of homes by 591, for a total of 1,885 homes. At this meeting, City Council will review the proposal and vote whether or not to support it. Residents may offer comments during the public hearing for this item. The Council's recommendation will be submitted to the County and will become part of the official record of the application, but it is not binding in any way.

The other matter on the agenda involves a measure to enable the annexation of the South Lake property and get needed commercial development to serve residents in the southern part of

Bowie. Under a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Policy adopted by the City Council in 2015, the City can, in certain situations, provide financial incentives to the developer of a future development to help make the project more feasible.

The South Lake development is not currently within the municipal limits of Bowie, but in 2016 City Council entered into an annexation agreement with Karington LLC. That agreement is contingent upon the City Council approving a TIF.

Karington LLC has filed an application for Tax Increment Financing with the City. At the September 17 meeting, Council will be briefed on the application and on the review process that Council will follow.

The September 17 discussion will be strictly informational. No decisions about the TIF will be made at this meeting. Briefing materials will be provided to Council on Thursday afternoon and will be posted on the City website at that time as well (www.cityofbowie.org/agendas). Visit www.cityofbowie.org/tif to learn more information about the City of Bowie's Tax Increment Financing Policy.

Karington LLC has filed a similar application for Tax Increment Financing with Prince George's County and has indicated that both approvals are necessary in order for the project to move forward.

The final item on the agenda for the September 17 meeting is a discussion about improvements to MD 3 at Forest Drive in Bowie. The meeting begins at 8 p.m. on 9/17 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Jobs

The City of Bowie is seeking applicants for the following positions:

- Animal Control Associate (closes 9/21/2018)
- Communications Specialist II (open)
- Police Officers – Entry level & Lateral (open)
- Ice Arena Attendant (open)

For more information or to apply, visit www.cityofbowie.org/jobs.

Mark Your Calendar for Other Upcoming Events

- **City Gym reopens** September 13 after annual maintenance work
- **Bowie International Festival** – October 6, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Allen Pond Park
- **Community Shredding Event** – October 6, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Bowie High School
- **Low Cost Rabies & Microchip Clinic** – October 13, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at City Hall