

## MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred D. Lott, ICMA-CM, CPM  
City Manager

DATE: December 27, 2018

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

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1. Millstream Branch Debris Removal

Public Works has contracted services to clear debris in the Millstream Branch. This stream runs adjacent to many residential and commercial properties. The work is needed to ensure stormwater can flow unobstructed. The contractor is scheduled to start work the week of January 2, 2019. Neighboring property owners were notified by letter prior to the contract award. The work is expected to last 3 months.

2. Stakeholders Meeting for Mixed-Use Redevelopment of Sears Parcel

Seritage SRC Finance, LLC, the current owner of the Sears parcel at Bowie Town Center, has proposed redeveloping their 10.8 acre parcel with mixed-use development. Seritage representatives recently met with staff and discussed a potential mixed-use project including multi-family residential, a small amount of street level retail square footage, a small office building and possibly a small hotel. Seritage has redeveloped many mixed use projects throughout the country. They hope to move quickly to avoid a prolonged vacancy of the existing Sears building, which would be demolished as part of the redevelopment. While no plans are currently available to illustrate the redevelopment, amendments to the Bowie Town Center Basic Plan, Comprehensive Design Plan and Specific Design Plan will be required, and details will become more clear when those plans are filed. A Stakeholders Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to discuss the concept of a mixed-use redevelopment. Staff will keep Council apprised of this effort as it moves ahead.

3. House Construction in Buckingham Section

On December 20<sup>th</sup>, the City issued a building permit for the construction of a new detached single-family dwelling located at 2603 Bartlett Lane. The property, located at the southeastern corner of the Bartlett Lane/Beaverdale Lane intersection, was the subject of a two-lot preliminary subdivision plan approved by the Prince George's County

Planning Board in September 2013. (The property owner had submitted an earlier proposal for a three-lot subdivision, which the City Council had reviewed and recommended disapproval of in June 2013. There had been much neighborhood opposition to the three-lot plan.) At the Planning Board hearing, the City stated its support of the two-lot proposal, since the property owner and the City had negotiated an agreement regarding the design of the future dwelling. The plans for the dwelling design that were submitted, reviewed and approved last week comply with the conditions of the agreement.

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