

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: January 23, 2014

Status Report

1. Walmart Zoning Hearing Examiner Date

Staff has been informed that the Walmart Special Exception application (SE-4734) will be heard by the Zoning Hearing Examiner on Wednesday, February 26th at 1:00 p.m.

2. Winter Won't Last Forever

This week I signed the contract with the Bowie Baysox for the July 4th celebration at the stadium. Forget about the snow and the cold, and visualize the kind of day we typically have on July 4!

3. Yard Waste Plastic Bag Ban

Attached is a copy of a postcard that is going to be mailed Friday to all residences in Bowie. We had planned on doing this mailing in early February, prior to the grass cutting season, but postal rates go up on Sunday.

Please note that, among other venues, we have already advertised this on the Bowie web page, Government Channel, Spotlight, Bowie News Flash, Alert Bowie and social media as well as distributed flyers to City facilities and mailed notices to all HOAs and landscaping contractors in this area.

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BOWIE GOES BROWN **FOR YARD WASTE**

It's the new green!



What's new?

As of January 1, 2014, yard waste will no longer be accepted in plastic bags.

What does this include?

This change includes:

- ✧ Grass
- ✧ Leaves
- ✧ Branches
- ✧ Christmas trees

Why is this change happening?

Plastic bags will no longer be accepted at the County yard waste recycling facility that Bowie uses. Prince George's County made this change to better protect our environment.

What does this mean to you?

As of January 1, 2014, in order to have your yard waste collected at curbside, you must:

- ✧ Use large, heavy duty paper bags that can be purchased at local stores. (We've found them at Home Depot, Lowe's, Safeway, and Target.); *or*
- ✧ Use paper grocery bags for small amounts of yard waste; *or*
- ✧ Use reusable containers, such as trash cans (not blue recycling carts or bins); *or*
- ✧ Bundle and tie branches that are up to 3 inches in diameter and no more than 4 feet in length.

Branches can also be placed in paper bags or cans. Cans should weigh no more than 50 pounds when filled.

Larger limbs can be stacked at the curb. They must be cut into 18-24 inch long sections, and must be no greater than 24 inches in diameter and weigh no more than 50 pounds each.

Please remember that yard waste cannot be included with your regular trash. Yard waste is not allowed in Maryland landfills and including it could cause an entire truck load of trash to be rejected.

Christmas trees will be picked up at the curb every Wednesday in January.

For more information visit www.cityofbowie.org or call Public Works at 301-809-2344.