

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: April 10, 2014

1. Green Bowie Events This Weekend

Please join the Green Team this Saturday, April 12th, 2014, from 1-4 p.m. at the Kenhill Center for the 4th Annual Bowie Green Expo. More than 30 exhibitors will be on hand to demonstrate various ways for Bowie residents to go green. There will be fun for the whole family with face painting, art-making using recyclables, and various prizes! For more information, visit <http://www.bowiegreenexpo.org/>.

On Sunday, April 13th from 2-4:30 p.m., the Green Team's Natural Resources subgroup and citizen volunteers will be at Whitmarsh Park for another Weed Warrior workday to cut invasive English ivy off trees near the Bowie Playhouse. Registration is needed. Please contact Kristin Larson, the City's Sustainability Planner, at 301-809-3044 or klarson@cityofbowie.org for information or to register. We will work rain or shine (but not in lightning!).

2. Bowie Supports Effort to Bring More SBIR Training to Small Businesses

The City's Economic Development Office has written a letter supporting a grant application made by the Maryland Small Business and Technology Center (MD SBTDC) seeking funding that will ultimately provide for monthly training in Bowie to better prepare our businesses to compete for federal contracts. With a successful grant application by the MD SBTDC, the City will get enhanced training to add to our offerings from the Capital Region SBTDC and the Maryland PTAP without an increase in budgetary allocations. Below is more information from the MD SBTDC.

“The Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC) and BioHealth Innovation, Inc. (BHI) are collaborating to pursue the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Federal and State Technology (FAST) Partnership Program. We are asking for your support of our application in the form of facility space to conduct workshops and training classes. Workshops will be held throughout the state and would possibly be conducted two or three times per quarter in your facility. At this time we know of no other applicants. The FAST grant provides funding to support companies to better prepare for SBIR grants.

Applicants must:

- Be a public or private entity, organization, or individual that intends to use funding awarded under this Announcement to enhance technological development by small business concerns within a single or multiple states and provide outreach, financial support, and/or technical assistance to technology based small business concerns participating in, or interested in participating in, the Small Business Innovation and Research (SBIR) program; and
- Be endorsed by the appropriate state governor or his/her authorized designee as the only approved applicant from that state.

BHI is an innovation intermediary, leading efforts to grow the biohealth industry by supporting industry startup companies better prepare for federal funding opportunities. The Maryland Small Business & Technology Development Center has a long history of statewide outreach and support of Maryland based technology companies in pursuing SBIR/STTR and other federal awards. Together BHI and the SBTDC will provide assistance to healthcare, women, minority and other small businesses in the state of Maryland.”

3. Stream Cleanup Results

On Saturday, April 5th, 27 volunteers cleaned four streams and stormwater areas across the City, removing trash and recycling during the 13th stream cleanup. The sites were adjacent to the Shoppes at Bowie Town Center, behind Belair Town II, Stewarts Landing and along Church Road near the stream crossing. Volunteers collected a total of 140 pounds of trash and 460 pounds of recycling in bags plus two tires, five hubcaps and a large steel pole. As discussed in previous Status Reports, the number of volunteers has steadily declined over the past three cleanups, so October stream cleanups will not be held until further notice.

4. Community Job Fair

On May 2, 2014 there will be a Community Job Fair at the City Gymnasium. This is the fourth year that the City has hosted this event as a public service to local residents. The fair is free and open to all job seekers from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The deadline for employers to register to participate is April 15th. Among the confirmed participants so far are Prince George’s County Government, the Smithsonian Institution, Comcast, Sears, SunTrust Bank, and the University of Maryland.

To help job seekers be prepared for the fair, the City has partnered with Prince George’s County One-Stop Career Center to offer free Resume and Interview Skills Workshops at City Hall. Each session lasts an hour and attendees must register in advance to attend. Flyers for both the Job Fair and the Resume and Interview Skills Workshops are attached.



The City of Bowie And Prince George's County One-Stop Career Center



Would like to invite you to attend our free
RESUME & INTERVIEW WORKSHOP

Let us help you prepare for our **May 02, 2014 Job Fair**

When: Thursday, April 24, 2014

Where: Bowie City Hall
15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, MD 20716

RESUME TIMES: 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.

INTERVIEW TIMES: 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.

Please bring your resume ready to be reviewed
and dress appropriately (Business Attire)

Please contact Joan Comer on 301-809-3055 to
sign up for the workshops. Don't forget to call
ahead as space is limited.



The City of Bowie presents a:



Community Job Fair

When?

Friday, May 2, 2014
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Where?

The Bowie Gymnasium
4100 Northview Dr., Bowie, MD, 20716

Job seekers should park along Health Center Drive or at Bowie Town Center, beyond Macy's. Parking at the Gym is limited and will be restricted to employers and handicapped attendees.

What types of organizations will be there?

At last year's Job Fair, more than 40 employers from the private and public sector participated! Look for a list at www.cityofbowie.org/jobfair.

Want more information? Call City Hall at 301-575-5613 or visit www.cityofbowie.org/jobfair

This fair is hosted by the City of Bowie with assistance from the Prince George's County One-Stop Career Center.

