

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: June 26, 2014

1. Senior Housing

Staff is meeting next week with Humphrey Management, the owner/operator of Pin Oak, Willows and Evergreen. We will be reviewing various issues with Humphrey, some of which were discussed at the June 16th Council Meeting.

2. Contract Street Tree Trimming

The adopted Fiscal Year 2015 Budget has allocated \$50,000 towards contract tree trimming within City rights-of-way. In Fiscal Year 2014, the City piggybacked on an existing Prince George's County contract with Lewis Tree Service, Inc. with satisfactory results. That contract has been renewed as bid S08-065 "Tree Trimming and Removal Service" on a County contract as follows: PO90684S08065(123114)N. All terms and conditions of the previous contract remain in place. As provided by Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven (7) day notice of intent to issue a purchase order to Lewis Tree Service, Inc. in the amount of \$50,000 for these services.

3. Church Road Park

The additional goal posts for Field #3 have been installed. Council approved the expenditure during the FY15 Budget review. Funds were available in the FY14 Budget, and so we were able to move ahead well in advance of the SBBGC football season. The Club is expected to reimburse the City for a portion of the cost. The existing goal posts were painted this week as well.

4. CSX Drainage

On Friday, June 20th, City staff met with CSX staff to discuss ongoing drainage issues along the Pope's Creek railroad tracks. At this meeting CSX committed to repairing the damaged culvert behind the 1700 block of Plane Tree Way in the Tall Oaks subdivision that has not allowed water to drain properly at this location. CSX is planning to do this work in July and feels that once the damaged culvert is repaired, water will drain properly at this location. There was also a dialogue about improved regular inspections and repairs of culverts along this railroad track. City staff plans to meet with CSX staff to walk the length of the track where there are drainage issues and review the status of the culverts. Corrective action, where necessary, will be planned by CSX. Since some of the

drainage issues relate to beavers building dams along the tracks, the City's Animal Control Officer will work with CSX to provide any support the City can to address the issue of beavers damming water in this area. Staff intends to meet with CSX in August to review the status of progress on this issue and will continue to keep Council informed.

5. Shredding Event

During the Community Shred Day held at Bowie High School on Saturday, June 21, 9.72 tons of paper were shredded and 80 pounds of Styrofoam collected for recycling. This was the largest collection of Styrofoam since the City started this event – the box truck used for Styrofoam was full.