

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: August 14, 2014

1. Belair Drive Water Tank Painting

This \$300,000 project is complete with the exception of the telecom companies rehangng their equipment on the 600,000 gallon elevated tank structure. Our folks did a great job in managing this difficult project. This process will need to be repeated in 15 to 20 years.

2. MD 197/Evergreen Parkway Signal

In a discussion with SHA this week I learned that it could be up to two more months before the new signal is operational. Apparently the major cause of the delay is the provision of the electric meter required to be installed by BGE. Clearly this need should have been anticipated, and the meter should have been installed months ago. At any rate, I have reached out to Mike Fowler at BGE to seek his assistance to try to expedite the matter.

3. Veterans Memorial Park Tree Removal

The Norway Spruce tree that is located adjacent to the memorial stone markers at Veterans Memorial Park in Old Bowie has been diagnosed as having a "Spruce Needlecast Disease." This has been confirmed by both staff and our consultant Bartlett Tree Experts. The severe onset of this fungus is incurable. Staff will be removing the tree soon. Another species of tree will be planted there in the near future as soon as a larger than normal specimen is identified.