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City of Bowie Purchases New Electric Car

The City of Bowie recently purchased its first totally electric car. The 2015 Nissan LEAF is powered by an advanced rechargeable lithium ion battery, and will be used for in-city driving by **City employees. The LEAF can be driven up to 100 miles on a single charge, depending on speed and use of accessories. The cost of the Nissan LEAF was approximately \$29,000. It was purchased as part of Bowie's ongoing efforts to go greener and set the example for others who might be considering purchasing an electric vehicle.**

The new electric car replaces one of the 6 vehicles the City maintains for employees to use when delivering mail, visiting City facilities and parks, and attending meetings. In addition to the new Nissan LEAF, the vehicle pool already includes three hybrid vehicles, which have been in use since 2005.

The LEAF runs entirely on electricity and produces no emissions. It is a great alternative to **vehicles that run on fossil fuel. A 240-volt dual charging station for the vehicle was recently installed at City Hall, with partial funding from a State of Maryland grant.**

With the help of Bowie Green Team volunteers, the City is working hard on a variety of fronts to encourage those who live and work in Bowie to go greener. To learn more about these efforts visit www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie or contact Kristin Larson at klarson@cityofbowie.org or call 301-809-3043.

City employees received training on operating and charging the new car this week. Photos of that session are attached.

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