MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: ***Status Report*** DATE: October 11, 2012

Status Report

1. BGE Four-Year Tree Trimming Cycle

BGE is currently conducting their four-year tree trimming cycle in Bowie. This trimming began in May and will continue until December 2012. More trimming is planned in subsequent years. This trimming is a standard part of the BGE maintenance of tree growth around power lines. Different sections of the City will be trimmed at different times depending on when their last trimming occurred. This year, in response to the 2011 Maryland Electricity Service Quality and Reliability Act, the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) developed new regulations through a rule making process (RM43) to govern how Maryland utilities manage electric reliability. Sara Pyrant, the BGE Tree Forester for this area, indicated the following with regards to this trimming: "*The Maryland Public Service Commission enacted RM43 May 1st. These are new regulations for utilities. A portion of RM43 addresses vegetation management. The largest impact that will be seen is along the mains of our circuits where we will no longer allow vegetation to overhang the wires. Since our Bowie Trimming Specifications do not allow overhanging limbs, there should be little change to the amount trimmed in Bowie. The only difference that may come into play is that we've moved from a footage clearance standard, to a 4-year clearance standard. For example, our old standard for a single phase wire was 6 feet, and now it will require that vegetation not grow back to the wire within 4 years. So there could be a difference when you're dealing with a fast grower like a silver maple. It may require some additional trimming to achieve 4 years of clearance. We notify every customer with a door hanger that has the notification person's phone number on it in case the customer has any questions. If trees are being removed, we require a face-to-face meeting with the customer.*" Should any resident have questions regarding tree trimming on their property after conferring with BGE, please have them contact the City Manager's Office at 301-809-3075.

2. Second BGE Smart Meter Open House at Senior Center

   BGE is planning a second smart meter open house at the Senior Center. This event is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23rd from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The first smart meter open house meeting occurred at the Kenhill Center on Thursday, October 4th. Approximately 20 residents attended this meeting along with Mayor Robinson and Councilmember Gardner.

3. Economic Development Committee (EDC)

   The EDC held their regular monthly meeting. The topic, Retail Update - Bowie Route 450, was the first in their three-month retail series. Three guest speakers provided insight and information: Carter Davis from JBG Rosenfeld talked about his company's success at Free State and their lack thereof at Marketplace; Luke Jackson from Buxton Inc. talked about retail supply and demand and explained the types of retail tenant attraction studies his company provides; Bill Holzmann with St. John Properties, Inc. talked about the integration of retail into the Melford office park and mentioned some of the challenges they have faced seeking tenants. The next regular EDC meeting is Wednesday, November 14, 2012.

4. Stream Cleanup

   This Saturday, October 13, at 9:00 a.m., volunteer Stream Teams will head out for our 10th cleanup. We will again have several Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops, the Bowie Lions Club and several other school, church and civic groups. We are expecting to surpass the 2,000 mark for numbers of volunteers who have joined us since our first cleanup in April 2008. The Planning Department invites each of you to join us at one of the sites shown below.

Neighborhood/ Section	**Stream**	**Meet-up Site**
Baysox Stadium	Green Branch	Baysox overflow parking on Governor Bridge Road
Buckingham	White Marsh Branch	Stream crossing on Buckingham near Stonybrook
Foxhill	Upper Collington Branch	Foxhill Park
Meadowbrook	Millstream Branch	Free State Shopping Center (behind Giant)
Meadowbrook Club	Millstream Branch	Belair Swim and Racquet
Pointer Ridge	Lower Collington Branch	Gazebo at Pointer Ridge Drive and Hall Road
Princeton Square	Upper Collington Branch	London Lane (back of complex)
Whitehall	Saddlebrook Branch	Whitehall Pool parking lot

5. Earthquake Drill – Thursday, October 18, 2012
   The City of Bowie is encouraging residents, employees, and local businesses and organizations to participate in the Great SouthEast ShakeOut on Thursday, October 18, 2012 at 10:18 a.m. Organizers expect it to be the largest earthquake drill ever, taking place all over the SouthEast.

   Starting at 10:18 a.m., participants will be asked to "drop, cover and hold on" for one minute. That means finding a relatively secure spot like under a sturdy desk or against an interior wall, and hanging on through an imagined temblor. Why is it important to do a *Drop, Cover, and Hold On* drill? To react quickly we must practice often. We may only have seconds to protect ourselves in an earthquake, before strong shaking knocks us down or drops something on us. Practicing helps us to be ready to respond.

   We encourage everyone to visit www.ShakeOut.org/SouthEast to learn more and practice how to be quake-safe with the rest of the SouthEast. The life you save may be your own.

6. Shredding Event - Saturday, October 20, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at City Hall
   The City has organized a community shredding event for residents on Saturday, October 20 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot at City Hall. Residents can also drop off polystyrene Styrofoam, such as the kind used in packaging electronics, for recycling at this event. A flyer advertising the event is attached.

7. Leaf Collection Begins November 5
   The City's curbside leaf collection program will run from November 5 to December 20. Each single-family residential neighborhood will have two pickup dates during that time frame. The schedule is attached and will also be available in local press, on the City website, and in the November/December issue of the *Bowie Spotlight*.

DJD/JLF/asf

Learn about BGE's new smart meters and tips for managing your home energy usage and bills this winter.

Tuesday, October 23, 2012 (9:30 – 11:30 am)

Bowie Senior Center
14900 Health Center Drive
Bowie, MD 20716

For more information, contact BGE Community Relations Line at 410.470.4103.

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VISIT US ON

Saturday, October 20, 2012

Document

Shredding

& Styrofoam* Recycling Event

10/20/2012
8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bowie City Hall Parking Lot
15901 Excalibur Road

Safely dispose of sensitive documents at this <u>free</u> shredding event. Bring in up to 550 pounds of documents for shredding (5 tall kitchen bags or 5 archive boxes) and watch while the documents are shredded.
(No need to remove staples, rubberbands or paperclips.)

For more information, contact:

City of Bowie
Public Works Department
301-809-2344 or
email publicinfo@cityofbowie.org

*** Styrofoam Recycling**
Only expanded polystyrene will be accepted for recycling at this event. This is the kind of styrofoam found in electronics packaging. No cups, plates, clamshells or egg crates.

Leaf Collection Begins November 5, 2012

The City's curbside leaf collection service kicks off on Monday, November 5th. Each residential neighborhood will have two collection dates. Residents should rake leaves into piles at the edge of their grass for pickup by the City crews.

Collection will take place from approximately 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to the schedule on the other side of this flyer. Crews will work rain or shine. However, in the event of snow or ice storms, leaf collection will be temporarily suspended, as the trucks and crews will be redeployed to salt or plow City streets. Some sections of the City are listed on two consecutive days. Due to expected volume, these sections may take more than one day to complete.

The leaves must be raked to the curb by 7 a.m. on the first scheduled date. The second day is built into the schedule to allow extra time if it is needed. Crews will visit areas not completed on the first scheduled day.

For more information, call 301-809-2344.

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2012 Leaf Collection Schedule

Section	First Leaf Collection Date		Second Leaf Collection Date	
AMBER MEADOWS	Wed.	11/28	Thurs.	12/20
ASHLEIGH	Wed.	11/21	Tues.	12/18
ASHLEIGH STATION	Wed.	11/21	Tues.	12/18
BELAIR GREENS	Fri.	12/7	Wed.	12/19
BELAIR TOWN I	Mon.	11/26	Wed.	12/19
BELAIR TOWN II	Wed.	11/14	Mon.	12/3
BUCKINGHAM	Tues.	11/13	Tues.	12/4
CHAPEL FORGE	Wed.	11/14	Wed.	12/5
COLLINGTON MANOR	Wed.	11/21	Tues.	12/18
COLLINGTON STATION	Wed.	11/21	Tues.	12/18
COVINGTON MANOR	Tues.	11/27	Thurs.	12/20
DERBYSHIRE	Tues.	11/13	Mon.	12/3
DEVONSHIRE	Wed.	11/21	Tues.	12/18
DIXON CROSSING	Mon.	11/19	Tues.	12/18
ENFIELD (excluding townhomes)	Wed.	11/21	Mon.	12/10
FAIRVIEW	Mon.	11/19	Tues.	12/18
FOREST HILLS	Fri.	11/16	Fri.	12/7
FOXHILL*	Tues.	11/6 (& 11/7)	Thurs.	12/6
GLEN ALLEN	Tues.	11/27	Thurs.	12/20
GRADYS WALK	Wed.	11/21	Tues.	12/18
GROVEHURST	Wed.	11/21	Tues.	12/18
HARVEY MANOR	Mon.	11/19	Thurs.	12/13
HEATHER HILLS	Tues.	11/27	Mon.	12/17
HIGHBRIDGE PARK	Mon.	11/19	Tues.	12/18
HUNTINGTON	Mon.	11/19	Thurs.	12/13
HUNTINGTON CREST	Mon.	11/19	Thurs.	12/13
IDLEWILD	Tues.	11/13	Tues.	12/11
KENILWORTH*	Wed.	11/7 (& 11/8)	Mon.	12/3
LONGLEAF	Thurs.	11/29	Thurs.	12/20
LONG RIDGE*	Mon.	11/5	Wed.	11/28 (& 11/29)
MEADOWBROOK	Mon.	11/26	Wed.	12/19
MITCHELLVILLE EAST	Tues.	11/27	Thurs.	12/20
NORTHRIDGE*	Thurs.	11/8	Thurs.	12/13 (& 12/14)
NORTHVIEW	Tues.	11/27	Mon.	12/17
OAKTREE	Wed.	11/28	Tues.	12/18
OLD CHAPEL	Mon.	11/26	Wed.	12/19
OLD CHAPEL ESTATES	Mon.	11/26	Wed.	12/19
OLD STAGE	Tues.	11/13	Tues.	12/11
OVERBROOK	Thurs.	11/8	Tues.	12/4
PATUXENT OVERLOOK	Thurs.	11/29	Thurs.	12/20
PEACH PRESERVE	Wed.	11/28	Thurs.	12/20
POINTER RIDGE	Thurs.	11/15	Mon.	12/10
ROCKLEDGE	Tues.	11/20	Wed.	12/12
ROLLING HILLS*	Mon.	11/19 (& 11/20)	Thurs.	12/13
SADDLEBROOK	Wed.	11/14	Tues.	12/11
SADDLEBROOK WEST	Wed.	11/14	Tues.	12/11
SOMERSET*	Mon.	11/5 (& 11/6)	Thurs.	11/29
SPRING MEADOWS	Wed.	11/21	Tues.	12/18
STEWART'S LANDING	Mon.	11/19	Tues.	12/18
TALL OAKS	Fri.	11/16	Wed.	12/5
TERNBERRY	Wed.	11/21	Tues.	12/18
TULIP GROVE	Tues.	11/6	Thurs.	12/6
VICTORIA HEIGHTS	Thurs.	11/8	Tues.	12/4
WESTVIEW	Wed.	11/21	Tues.	12/18
WHITEHALL	Wed.	11/14	Wed.	12/12
WOODMORE ESTATES	Wed.	11/21	Tues.	12/18
WOODMORE HIGHLANDS	Wed.	11/21	Tues.	12/18
YORKTOWN	Tues.	11/20	Tues.	12/11

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