

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: ***Status Report***

DATE: April 23, 2015

1. Bowie Earth Day Concert and Art Exhibit

Bowie's Green Team hosted an Earth Day Concert and Art Exhibit on Saturday, April 18th at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. It is estimated about 230 – 260 people attended. The art exhibit began at 6 p.m. and included student art pieces from Bowie High School, Oxon Hill Middle School, and Rockledge Elementary School. The artwork was made from recycled materials, and the theme was "energy." Additionally, poster contest winners from the Bowie Green Expo were on display, and an informational Green Bowie booth was provided. The nature-themed concert began at 7 p.m., and the first act performances were the Suzuki Cello Studio and Category 5 Flute Quartet. A silent film on the environment by local filmmaker, Ms. Kali Belden, was displayed as a backdrop during the first act. The film featured scenes from around Bowie. The second act performances were the SGI Waso Taiko Drummers and the senior Choraleers.

2. City Election

Councilmember Polangin filed her candidacy paperwork on April 22nd for the District 2 Council seat.

3. Aggressive Dogs Case

Ms. Terry Morris came before Council on March 16, 2015, addressing her concerns of two vicious dogs in her neighborhood. She identified the dog's owner as Bindi Blyther, 14801 London Lane. Previous to Ms. Morris's appearance, Bowie Animal Control staff conducted an investigation and filed a complaint against Ms. Blyther with the Prince George's County Commission for Animal Control. A hearing was scheduled for April 8, 2015. Ms. Morris, Ms. Blyther, other witnesses and Bowie Animal Control Officers Harmony Dale and Mike Morreale participated at the hearing. The Commission found Ms. Blyther "Guilty" on four (4) counts related to permitting her dogs to be running-at-large and creating a public nuisance; "Not Guilty" of harboring vicious animals and rabies vaccination violations. The Commission imposed \$1,025 in fines and ordered the dogs to be leashed and under the control of an adult while outside, even upon the respondent's property. Animal Control staff will continue to monitor the concerns and ensure compliance with the Commission's order.

4. Marketplace

City and County raze permits have been issued, and the demolition is expected to begin next week. A photo op event is tentatively being planned for next Tuesday morning, and you will be advised as soon as the specific time is determined. The demolition is expected to take approximately 60 days.