

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred D. Lott, ICMA-CM, CPM
City Manager

SUBJECT: ***Status Report***

DATE: April 5, 2018

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1. Stream Cleanup This Saturday

This Saturday is the City's annual spring stream cleanup. This year's cleanup was expanded to a community-wide cleanup. Two HOAs will be working in their neighborhoods Saturday, while nearly 80 residents meet at various sites across the city to collect trash and recycling from streams and open space. Councilmembers are invited to join us at one of the following sites this Saturday at 9:00 a.m.:

Site (Meeting Place)

1. Covington - (Covington Community Center, Elder Oaks Blvd.)
2. Everst Drive - open space (Everst Drive)
3. Foxhill Park - (parking lot)
4. Freestate Mall - (northeast corner of the back parking lot)
5. Rt. 197 - (Heather Ridge Apts.)

2. The Center of Bowie

When asked "what is the center of Bowie" there are many ways one might respond. One way staff uses is to look at the center of population; another way is to look at the geographic center. Attached are two maps showing the population and geographic centers of Bowie; one is a plain map and the other is an aerial photo-map.

3. Permit Issued for Traffic Calming Installations on Belair Drive

A permit was issued this week to St. John Properties to construct traffic calming improvements on Belair Drive. These improvements include two raised crosswalks, two speed cushions and two new stop signs as shown below.



The application for this traffic calming installation was made in order to meet requirements of the Conceptual Site Plan for Melford Village which stated: “St. John Properties shall implement traffic calming measures along Belair Drive between MD 3 and Kenhill Drive, including four or more locations for traffic calming devices, prior to the issuance of any residential building permits for Melford Village.” Several alternatives were considered for the calming measures. A plan to install chokers and a center island calming measure was strongly objected to by local residents during a stakeholders meeting held in October 2017. Based on stakeholder input, the plan was revised to include speed humps, which are more effective at calming traffic than chokers. The current plan was approved in December 2017.

4. Fence Legislation Approved

This week, the Senate unanimously approved HB 410, a bill that authorizes Prince George’s County to approve a municipal ordinance regulating fence height that is less restrictive than the County’s own zoning requirements. The legislation was submitted by Delegate Marvin Holmes, at City Council’s request, to address the high number of variance applications coming before the City on through lots and corner lots, where the height of fences in the backyard is limited to four feet. The approved bill, if signed by the Governor, becomes effective on October 1st. Staff will begin working on a City ordinance reflecting the new provisions, so it can be submitted to the County Council for action this fall.

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Attachments



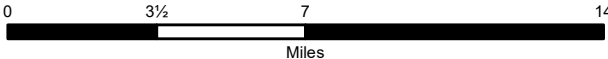
City of Bowie Geographic and Population Center Points

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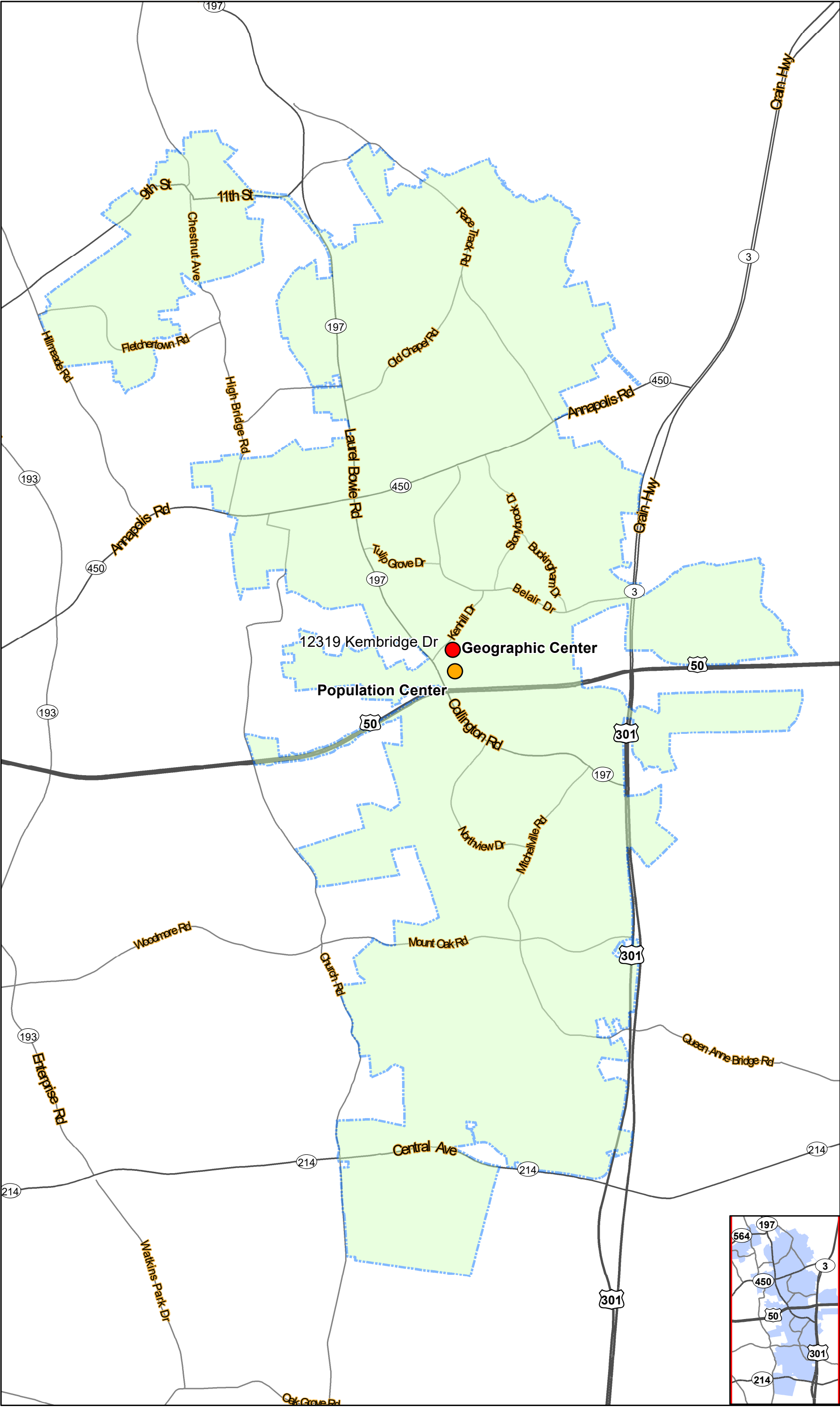
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