



City of Bowie

Memorandum

Thursday, September 14, 2023

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

STATUS REPORT

1. Green Bowie Veterans 5K

Registration is now open for the 5th annual Green Bowie Veterans 5K. This year, the event will be held one week prior to Veterans Day on November 4, 2023 at 8:30am. This fun-run and walk is open to residents, family, friends, staff, and veterans of all ages and brings together a melting pot of initiatives like sustainability, Veterans recognition, wellness, and a sense of community. This is not a competitive or timed "race" but a chance to come out and celebrate with the community. The Green Bowie Veterans 5k is FREE to all and comes with one of our staple 5k shirts, this year in a delightful shade of red. Our Certified 5k route (3.1 miles) is ADA accessible in its entirety. Please contact Ashleigh Diaz, [by email](#) or at 301-809-3044, with questions or inquiries related to having an exhibit table at the event. [Please visit our webpage to learn more and to register today.](#)

2. Economic Development Committee (EDC)

The Bowie EDC held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday. They reviewed their draft letter containing South Bowie recommendations and approved it for finalizing and signature by the Chair. The Chair will deliver the letter in-person at an upcoming City Council meeting. The next regular EDC meeting is Wednesday October 11, 2023.

3. Retail-Business Roundtable Discussion September 23, 2023

The City Council wants to better understand the City's retail centers and their tenants. To do so they are holding a virtual roundtable on Saturday September 23, 2023 from 9AM to 11AM on ZOOM.

All thirteen (13) of our major retail center owners have been invited as have selected tenants. To date only four center owners have indicated they will participate - Bowie Town Center, Shoppes at Highbridge, Mill Branch Crossing, and South Lake. Two tenants from Bowie Town Center have also indicated they will participate.

The moderator for this roundtable is Mr. Sherman Ragland, a Bowie resident, past Chairman of the City's Economic Development Committee, and an active real estate professional.

Representatives from the County Executive, County Councilmember Watson, and the County EDC will participate.

The City's IT Department is sending ZOOM invites to the direct participants.

The public has this information:

You are invited by the Bowie City Council to observe a moderated virtual Retail-Business Roundtable on Saturday morning September 23 from 9AM to 11AM EDT. **PUBLIC LINK:** <https://bowie.fyi/bowieretailroundtable2023>

This will be a "public meeting" in that anyone can watch and listen BUT only the direct invitees will be speaking. If you have a question for the retail center owners you may submit it in advance (up to 3PM Wednesday September 20) to the City's Economic Development Director at jhking@cityofbowie.org for the moderator's consideration.

In preparation for this roundtable the City Council received an expert briefing on retail center development, leasing, operation, and revitalization to provide a greater understanding of the business of shopping center from Mark Menick, President of brokerage firm KLNB, one of our regions' top retail development experts. That presentation can be viewed here: [Bowie Council Meeting - July 10, 2023](#)



5TH ANNUAL GREEN BOWIE VETERANS 5K

**NOVEMBER
4, 2023**

**BOWIE TOWN
CENTER**
behind Five Guys

8:30 A.M.
race starts

NO COST

T-SHIRT INCLUDED

HAVE FUN!

In partnership with Operation We Care, we are collecting donations for active duty military. Accepted items can be found at www.operationwecare.org. Unwrapped toys can also be donated to Toys for Tots through MD DNR. Please bring all donations to the event.



REGISTER TODAY!
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