



City of Bowie

Memorandum

Thursday, February 27, 2025
Alfred D. Lott, ICMA-CM, CPM,
City Manager

STATUS REPORT

1. SMC Bike Rack Grant

The City was awarded a grant through Sustainable Maryland Certified (SMC) to add bike racks to City facilities that do not currently have any and to rectify siting issues at some sites where the racks are not set up for optimal usage. Each site will have 3 "inverted U's" one of which will include the Bowie "B" laser cut and blue powder coating. The sites are as follows: Bowie Gymnasium (x2), Bowie Senior Center, Allen Pond Park, Kenhill Center, and the Radio & TV Museum. Each site will also include access to the new Bike Map once printing is complete. The racks will promote the City's extensive trails system, promote general biking and wellness activities, and utilize branding in an effort to hone a sense of community, building upon a large-scale branding initiative the City undertook recently. The Department of Planning and Sustainability (DPS) will lead this project in collaboration and with assistance from Community Services to ensure proper site placement and with Communications to let residents know about the improvements. This project will be underway during spring and should be complete by the summer.

2. Recycle Single-Use Household Batteries at City Hall or the Senior Center

Single-use batteries are used for a variety of household items, like remote controls, hearing aids, and kids toys. In fact, Americans use about 3,000,000,000 (that's 3 billion) batteries each year. Bowie residents can now drop their used household batteries in the Call2Recycle box in the lobbies of City Hall and the Senior Center. Materials extracted during the recycling process are used to create useful products like more batteries, steel, and sunscreens. Learn more on [our battery recycling page](#) or contact Tiffany Wright (twright@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3043).

3. Green Citizen Award

The annual Green Citizen Award is back and nominations can be made until March 14, 2025. Residents are encouraged to nominate their friends or neighbors who have shown spectacular commitment to sustainability and being green. More information and the nomination form [can be found here](#) or by visiting the Green Bowie page and navigating to the Green Citizen Award subpage. A review committee, made of both Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) and Green Team (GT) members, will review and choose a winner and will present to that person at the annual Bowie Green Expo, which will be held on April 12 at noon at the Senior Center. For more information please contact Lexie Woolums, the Sustainability Planner.

4. Bowie Restaurant Week 2025

The Economic Development Office is organizing a Bowie Restaurant Week for April 21 to April 27, 2025. Staff are contacting all the restaurants listed in the City's database to ask them to participate. Staff are also working cross-departmentally to develop marketing and promotional materials. Restaurants (both brick & mortar and food-truck) interested in participating should contact Tiara Andrews -- tandrews@cityofbowie.org -- by March 5.



Bowie's Restaurant Week

"Join us for Restaurant Week and showcase the best of your culinary creations! Highlight your restaurant's unique flavors, attract new guests, and boost your visibility . Participating in Restaurant Week will give you the chance to shine and connect with food lovers eager to experience something special. Don't miss out on the chance to share your passion for great food—sign up today!"

April 21st - April 27th

If interested in participating, please email tandrews@cityofbowie.org by March 5th

