City of Bowie
Memorandum

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

STATUS REPORT

1. Midwood Lane Stormwater Pond Update
On a brisk, early spring Saturday morning (3/22), 49 volunteers installed nearly 500 plants and closed-out the volunteer portion of the Environmental Advisory Committee's (EAC) work to upgrade the landscaping of this pond. These plants will ensure pollinators like birds, bees, and butterflies have food to eat and places to live and raise their young. A big thank-you goes to Mr. Elmer Dengler, EAC member and pollinator champion. He led the way on this project and, with the help of the Green Team's Natural Resources group and other volunteers, cultivated nearly 5,000 (yes, five thousand) native plants for this site and other sites/activities across the City. The remainder of the Midwood landscaping project will be completed by contractors. We greatly appreciate the Council's support for this work. For information, contact Tiffany in the Planning Department (twright@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3043).

2. Green Bowie Spring Events
Throughout April, the Green Team and Green Bowie have lots of events planned to celebrate Earth Month:

- The annual Stream Clean Up will take place on Saturday, April 5, from 9am - noon. The kickoff event is behind the Giant on Rt. 450. Tiffany Wright is the contact for this event. SSL hour opportunity with multiple locations.
- Friday, April 11, is the Food Truck Frenzy where free energy kits will be distributed as well as a light bulb exchange; bring old CFLs in exchange for ONE FREE LED (courtesy of Phillips). The food truck event will take place at City Hall.
- Saturday, April 12, is the annual Bowie Green Expo hosted by the Bowie Lions Club. New this year, the event will be at the Senior Center, and it is from Noon - 4 p.m. The awarding of the Green Citizen Award will take place at noon. **This year's Green Citizen Award goes to Ms. Sue Livera-** previous Chair of the Green Team, chair of the green schools subgroup, avid volunteer at the food pantry, member of the Bowie-Crofton Garden Club, previous school guidance counselor, and endearingly known as "the bee lady". Congratulations to Sue, who is so appreciated here in Bowie.
- Saturday, April 26, will be an afternoon of fun with the Spring Fling at the Belair Mansion. Celebrate Earth Day and welcome Spring while

embracing wellness and fun for all ages! Join us for kids crafts and activities such as tie-dye (bring an old shirt to reuse if possible), bird house making, and more. Move your body with Zumba, yoga, and tai chi, and end the night with a screening of the movie "Migration" (PG). There will be a snow cone truck during the day and popcorn during the movie, but we encourage folks to bring snacks, reusable water bottles, and a blanket and chair for the movie.

- Saturday, April 26, Annual Arbor Day Celebration at Acorn Hill Park 10 am. This event is run by Parks and Grounds and is a great way to support tree canopy and the natural resources in our City.
- A full calendar is attached.
- Questions about any event can be directed to Ms. Lexie Woolums, Sustainability Planner, at Lwoolums@cityofbowie.org

APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 Registration Deadline for Low Mow April	01 Low Mow April Begins	02 EAC Meeting via Teams @ 7 PM	03	04	05 Annual Stream Cleanup 9-12
06	07	08	09	10	11 Food Truck Friday w/ Green Bowie @ City Hall 4-7	12 Bowie Green Expo @ Senior Center 12-4
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Weed Warrior @Whitemarsh 9-12
20	21 Green Team Meeting via Teams @ 7 PM	22 	23	24	25	26 Arbor Day @ Acorn Hill Park 10am Spring Fling @ Belair Mansion 3-10
27	28	29	30 Treebates Closes	01 Low Mow April Ends	02	03 Pollinator Garden Cleanup @ Centennial 9-10:30am Community Garden Cleanup @ Kenhill 10-12

Weed Warrior: Green Team event to remove invasive English Ivy, registration is required.

Garden Cleanup: Green team event to maintain their pollinator garden, registration is required.

Meetings: Both EAC (Environmental Advisory Committee) and Green Team meetings are open to the public. Links can be found via the City Calendar.

Have questions? Want to attend an event? Contact Lwoolums@cityofbowie.org