



City of Bowie Memorandum

Thursday, April 16, 2026
Daniel J. Mears, Acting City Manager

STATUS REPORT

1. Citywide Security Infrastructure Enhancement Update

The City continues to strengthen its security infrastructure across multiple municipal facilities through ongoing investments in advanced surveillance technology. Funding included in the FY26 budget supports the expansion and modernization of the City's CCTV network, ensuring broader coverage and improved monitoring capabilities. Through the adoption of Resolution R-40-26, the City is able to efficiently procure additional equipment to support this initiative. These enhancements will extend security coverage to a range of facilities, including historic properties, recreational amenities, and community-use spaces. Collectively, these efforts reflect the City's commitment to maintaining a robust, reliable, and strategically deployed security system that enhances public safety while protecting City assets.

2. Museums Program Update: Chair Yoga and Archaeology Month Activities

In recognition of Archaeology Month, the City of Bowie Museums hosted a lecture on April 11 highlighting the archaeological work conducted prior to the development of Mill Branch. Guest speaker Jennifer Stabler from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission provided insights into key findings and county development procedures. The event drew an audience of 25 attendees. Additionally, Chair Yoga sessions continue to be well attended, with the Friday, April 10 class reaching full capacity at 30 participants.

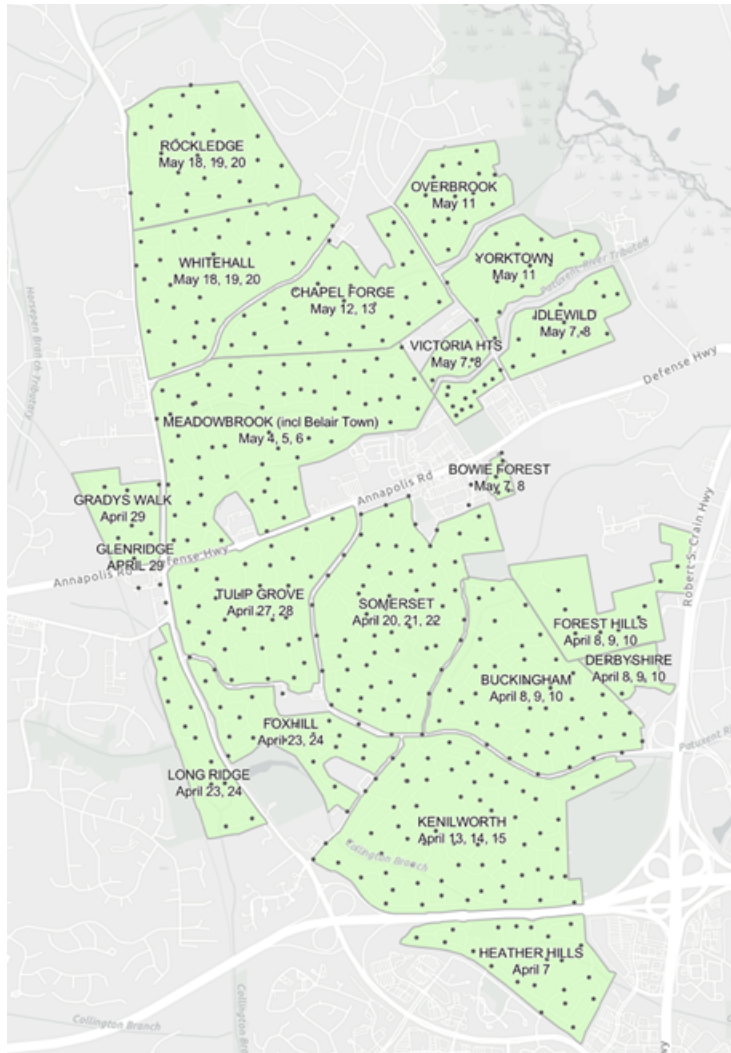
3. Fire Hydrant Flushing

The Public Works Department will be conducting routine hydrant flushing in the Somerset, Foxhill and Long Ridge neighborhoods during the week of April 20, 2026, from 9am-3pm.

The flushing may stir up some sediment in the water lines, which can result in some discoloration of the water. The water is safe for drinking and bathing, but clothes washing is discouraged. If clothes become discolored, they are to be kept wet and rewashed using a rust remover. Rust remover is available, at no cost, from City Hall and Public Works offices.

The discoloration should clear in approximately 24-48 hours. However, since the water mains are all interconnected, flushing of hydrants in adjacent sections could affect the water as well.

For more information or questions about hydrant flushing, please call the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344 or email alivingston@cityofbowie.org.



4. Street Light LED Upgrades

The contractor is currently active on Nottinghill Drive/Norwalk Court, addressing 24 streetlight fixtures, with work underway today. Three additional areas are scheduled for completion over the next couple of weeks: Idlewild (44 fixtures), Victoria Heights (17 fixtures), and Northridge (50 fixtures). All remaining work across these locations is anticipated to be completed by the end of the fiscal year.

5. Bowie Named One Of Ten Best Places To Live In Maryland

Worldbook.com recently named Bowie one of the Top Ten best places to live in Maryland. Here's what was said:

Bowie offers the best of both worlds, with easy access to quieter suburban surroundings and to bustling Washington D.C., roughly 19 miles to the west. But beyond its access to some of the region's most exciting attractions, Bowie is a peaceful place to live, with small-town charms, safe streets, and a natural allure defined by lush trees, dozens of miles of streams and rivers,

and several green spaces, including Allen Pond Park. This park is a favorite spot for relaxation and recreation, offering picnic areas, a stocked pond, sports facilities, and hiking and biking trails. Just a few miles north of the town center, the Patuxent Research Refuge is a delightful place where one can connect with nature. The refuge comprises forests, meadows, and wetland habitats that support a variety of wildlife, including migratory birds, amphibians, mammals, and reptiles. Recreational facilities in the refuge include nearly 20 miles of trails, with 5 miles in the southern area, along with lakes for fishing and boating, and a visitor center with exhibits and programs highlighting the area's rich ecosystem.

The full list is here: <https://www.worldatlas.com/cities/10-best-places-to-live-in-maryland-in-2026.html>

6. City of Bowie Restaurant Week

The City of Bowie's Restaurant Week is back with the 2nd annual event from April 20–26, 2026 and offering the perfect opportunity to support local businesses and enjoy great food. Bring your family and friends out to explore a variety of dining options, from delicious breakfast favorites to tasty lunch and dinner specials. It's a great way to connect with the community, discover new favorite spots, and show love to the restaurants that make Bowie special. For more info check out <https://www.cityofbowie.org/rw>

7. IT Department Monthly Printing Summary – March 2026

In March 2026, City staff printed 73,772 pages at a total cost of \$1,996.57. Community Services, the City Manager's Office, and Finance accounted for the highest print volumes. The majority of printing occurred during standard business hours, with PDF and Word documents representing the largest share of usage. Annual projections estimate approximately 868,000 pages printed with an annual cost of about \$23,500, reflecting continued visibility and cost control through the City's cloud print management system.

8. Street Resurfacing on Northview Drive

The Public Works Department has contracted with Reliable Contracting Co., Inc. for the FY26 Street Resurfacing Program. Typically, this work is done during the day during normal working hours. However, this year Northview Drive is on the list of work to be completed. Due to the traffic volume on Northview Drive, we will complete this road during the nighttime hours. The work is expected to take place Monday through Friday and will begin Monday, April 20, 2026 - Friday May 1, 2026, from 8pm-5am (weather permitting).