



City of Bowie Memorandum

Thursday, May 21, 2026
Daniel J. Mears, Acting City Manager

STATUS REPORT

1. Gymnasium Programs and Community Engagement Update

The City of Bowie Gymnasium continues to provide successful recreational programming and community engagement opportunities for residents of all ages.

The Wiggle and Giggle Fitness Program (Mini Movers) continues to promote movement, coordination, and healthy activity for children ages 1–6 through interactive exercises including dancing, balancing, tumbling, and imaginative play. Participation and engagement in the program remain positive. The most recent event had 60 participants.

Gymnasium staff also participated in the USTA Mid-Atlantic Intro to Coaching Workshop at JTCC in College Park, Maryland. The workshop provided valuable training focused on beginner tennis instruction, athlete-centered coaching techniques, and strategies for creating positive recreational learning environments.

Additionally, the City of Bowie Gymnasium successfully hosted the Byron Mouton 6th Man Basketball Tournament, welcoming 40 teams throughout the weekend event. The tournament brought significant community participation to the facility and highlighted continued successful partnerships between the Gymnasium and outside athletic organizations.



2. Information Technology Department Monthly Printing Summary – April 2026
In April 2026, City staff printed 107,766 pages at a total cost of \$2,614.70. The City Manager’s Office, Community Services, and Finance accounted for the highest print volumes and costs. Annual projections estimate approximately 1.31 million pages printed with an annual cost of about \$31,800. Cloud print management continues to provide visibility into usage trends and supports ongoing cost control efforts across departments.

3. Department of Planning and Sustainability 2026 Bike to Work Day
Residents from all over the City came out to support National Bike to Work Day at the pit stop behind City Hall last Friday. This event gave us an opportunity to reveal our new Bowie bike racks to the community. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing that efforts like these are what make Bowie so special. A total of 36 residents made a visit to our pit stop on their morning commute, a pit stop record! A special “Thank You” goes out to Harris Teeter, Family Bike Shop, State Farm Agent Cinawaye D. Elivert, Brady Renner, and BlendedbyDul for helping to sponsor the event.

4. Green Team Events
The Green Team Natural Resources subgroup held a Kids' Planting Workshop on 5/16 near the Community Gardens. Nine parents attended with twelve children, and they planted pizza ingredients such as tomatoes and basil in a pot to take home. This was the first time the group had done a workshop suited for children, and it got a lot of positive feedback from parents who were appreciative of the free activity to get their kids outside and teach them about how to grow food.



Pictured: Green Team members in their new shirts with Lexie Woolums, Sustainability Planner



Pictured: Native Plants that were sown for the Winter in early December

5. Transplanting Events

As of this week, the Green Team has successfully hosted two of five planned transplanting events made possible with the help of 20 volunteers. Volunteers help transfer small plants into square pots so they can continue to grow. Through a partnership with Parks and Grounds, many of the square pots are from the annual plants used in flower beds around Bowie. Parks and Grounds saves them so they can be reused to expand native habitat in Bowie.

The plants will be given away at community events such as Bowiefest: Reimagined, and the remaining ones will be transplanted into the ground in the Fall at one of the four pollinator gardens managed by the Green Team. For the full schedule of remaining Transplanting days or to sign up for a volunteer shift, visit the webpage.



Pictured: Volunteers transplanting native plants