



City of Bowie Memorandum

Thursday, July 2, 2026
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STATUS REPORT

1. Special District 1 Councilmember City Election

The City of Bowie held a special City Election on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 to fill the vacant District 1 Councilmember seat. There were four candidates running for this seat, with Zipporah Miller winning the seat. She will be sworn-in on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Attached is a breakdown of the votes cast for each candidate.

2. Early Voting Turnout: Bowie Gymnasium

The Bowie Gymnasium successfully served as an early voting site from June 11 through June 18, 2026 for the 2026 Maryland Gubernatorial Primary Election. Turnout grew steadily throughout the week, peaking on the final day with nearly 1,800 voters.

A total of **6,035 residents** utilized the facility during the 8-day early voting period.

Daily Turnout Breakdown:

- **Thursday, June 11:** 472
- **Friday, June 12:** 553
- **Saturday, June 13:** 254
- **Sunday, June 14:** 284
- **Monday, June 15:** 742
- **Tuesday, June 16:** 899
- **Wednesday, June 17:** 1,032
- **Thursday, June 18:** 1,799
- **Total Early Voters:** 6,035

3. Bowie Ice Arena: Final Ice Build at the "Old Barn"

This week, arena staff began the annual process of building the ice sheet for the final time at the 55-year-old facility before transitioning to the new arena next year.

Staff is currently applying the base coat of white ice paint, followed by measuring and hand-painting all hockey lines, creases, and face-off circles.

Once arena logos are sealed in place, layers of water will be progressively added to reach optimal skating thickness.

Reopening Date: The facility is on track to reopen to the public on **Friday, July 10, 2026.**



4. Bowie Ice Arena Construction Update

Current Progress: Crews are actively erecting precast wall panels, floor planks, and the main stadia (bleachers) this week.

Next Steps: Structural steel erection will follow immediately after the precast work. The majority of the building shell is on schedule to be fully enclosed by the end of the summer.

Visual Progress: Visual updates show substantial progress on the permanent concrete stadia seating installation.



5. Bowie Golf Course Driving Range Update

Project Status: The main building shell is fully complete. Work is now transitioning indoors, with the installation of plumbing and electrical fixtures, followed by mechanical systems.

Site & Field Work: Grading of the range is finished, and the new sod has been laid. Crews are currently making final structural modifications to the stormwater management basin.



6. Information Technology – Resident Experience Survey

The Smart City Program will conduct a resident survey over the next five weeks to better understand how community members interact with City Hall and its services. The survey focuses on key questions, including:

- How do residents currently access public services?
- Are digital options available for the services they most frequently request in person?
- What improvements can the Smart City Program implement to enhance the daily experience of Bowie residents?

The results of this survey will serve as a foundation for future Smart City initiatives. Insights gathered will help identify new project opportunities—both within City operations and in collaboration with external partners, other

departments, and neighboring municipalities.

Collected data will be analyzed and compiled by the Digital Transformation Coordinator. The resulting report will support the City in better understanding the needs and expectations of residents visiting City Hall and guide strategic planning for service improvements.

7. Sustainability Committees Joint Meeting

The Green Team and the Environmental Advisory Committees (EAC) are the two primary sustainability-oriented City committees. They are staffed by the Department of Planning and Sustainability (DPS). The members hosted their 2026 Annual joint meeting on June 23, 2026, at the Senior Center. This was the first time both committees met in person since before the pandemic.

Councilmember and Green Team member Rogers kicked-off the event stating her appreciation for the members of both groups and sharing some of her thoughts on their work and next steps. The goal of the meeting was to recognize the members of the two groups, report on progress and next steps, and to engage in-person.

DPS staff laid out the City priorities for fiscal year 2027, including ecological landscaping training for parks and grounds staff, energy efficiency programs, and expansion of the food scraps curbside collection program. The EAC discussed its projects, including the Midwood Lane stormwater pond pollinator garden and their annual priorities presented to the City Council. The Green Team subgroup chairs laid out their accomplishments from the previous year, as well as goals for the new fiscal year. Moving forward, the committees will meet annually in June to facilitate collaboration about how to make Bowie more sustainable.

Both committees are recruiting for new members. The EAC serves to advise City staff and Council about future City environmental programs, while the Green Team hosts public events to educate residents about its different focus areas: Food Health, and Wellness; Natural Resources; Green Schools; Multi-Modal Access and Public Spaces (MAPS); Energy/greenhouse gas (GHG); and Outdoor Recreation. Meeting information for both committees can be found on the [Green Bowie webpage](#). Residents can apply to join by [contacting the City Clerk's Office](#).

**CITY OF BOWIE
UNOFFICIAL SPECIAL DISTRICT 1 COUNCILMEMBER ELECTION RESULTS
JUNE 30, 2026**

DISTRICT 1 COUNCILMEMBER

	WINNER	1	1-AB*	TOTAL VOTES	% OF VOTES CAST
DONNELLY		79	6	85	22.55%
MILLER	X	239	16	255	67.64%
ROBINSON		4	4	8	2.12%
TUCKER		27	2	29	7.69%
Total Votes Cast		349	28	377	100.00%

*AB - Absentee Ballots

Summary of 2026 Special District 1 Councilmember City Election

Total registered voters in District 1	11,596
Total # of voting participants	377
Percentage voting	3.3%