



City of Bowie

Memorandum

Thursday, August 13, 2026
Angel L. Jones, City Manager

STATUS REPORT

1. Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) - Park and Facility Inventory Update

The City has been asked to assist the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) in updating its inventory of park and natural resource land and recreation facilities for the Prince George's County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP). The LPPRP is a five-year plan submitted to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Maryland Department of Planning, and its completion is a prerequisite for the County's participation in Program Open Space, the State program that funds parkland acquisition and recreation facility development.

City staff are working with M-NCPPC's Southern Area park planner, their consultant, and City GIS staff to verify park acreage, confirm the facility inventory at each City park, and report improvements completed over the past five years along with changes anticipated over the next five. M-NCPPC has also invited the City to highlight environmental and agricultural initiatives for inclusion in the plan, and staff will identify appropriate candidates. No Council action is required at this time.

2. Summer Never Slowed Down - Youth Services Prepares for the New School Year

The Youth Services Division is continuing outreach activities and programs in preparation for the 2026-2027 school year. Outreach efforts will inform residents of Bowie Youth and Family Services' counseling services, the Teen Mentoring Program, and other services offered by the division. Staff provided information to attendees at the National Night Out event at Allen Pond Park on August 4. BYFS representatives will also attend back-to-school nights at all Bowie-area schools and will staff a table at the Bowie High School freshmen orientation. Upcoming programs include the school-based Dispute Resolution and Managing Anger Program (DRAMA), and Calm, Confident Kids, a program for elementary-aged students who are struggling with anxiety.

3. Serving Up a Second Season - Top Serve Tennis Camp

The City of Bowie Gymnasium held its second annual Top Serve Tennis Camp July 27-31. The camp is offered in partnership with the Junior Tennis Champions Center (JTCC), with instruction provided by Coach Arian and Coach Tay. JTCC Outreach Coordinator Evan Morsell noted that the coaches were

glad to reconnect with the City and the community for a second year. As Assistant Gymnasium Manager Edward T. McLean II observed, the coaching staff reflects both an HBCU connection and the international influence on the game of tennis.



4. Cool Under Pressure: Ice Arena Weathers a Setback

The facility experienced an electrical issue that resulted in catastrophic damage to one of the ice-making compressors. Following a brief closure on the evening of Tuesday, July 28, the arena reopened for regularly scheduled programming on Wednesday morning, July 29. The rebuild of one compressor has been approved, and repairs to the damaged equipment are expected to be completed within two to three weeks.

In other news, the Bowie Figure Skaters competed at Worlds in Pittsburgh, where the team finished fourth out of 42 rinks and represented the Bowie Ice Arena with class and talent. The arena also concluded another successful session of Small Skate, an introductory half-day camp for skaters ages three to six. Participants learned new skills through music, games and activities, and performed for parents at the end of the week.



5. Back to School Bash at the Bowie Gymnasium

The annual Back to School Bash will be held Saturday, August 15, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the City of Bowie Gymnasium, open to children ages 4–10 and their parents and sponsored by DARCARS Honda Bowie. Entertainment Avenue will provide Triple Play Sports and moon bounces, along with carnival games, cornhole, a DJ, and a community resource area. Twenty-six vendors and community partners have been confirmed, including the Bowie Police Department, both Boys and Girls Clubs, the Girl Scouts, and the office of County Councilmember Tim Adams. Staff continues to collect school supply donations for distribution to families at the event.