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Board Meeting Highlights

AUGUST - The trees along the retaining wall bordering Hilltop Plaza were trimmed and dead trees removed in early August. Excel, which had been hired by Storch (the management company for Hilltop Plaza), did a good job. This should prevent cars parked along that retaining wall from being damaged by falling sap.

There are loose tree trunks, dead trees and falling branches in the area along the alley behind Marquette Lane (to the right of Midsummer Lane when one is facing the odd side of Marquette), posing the risk of damage to home properties and/or vehicles, and preventing one of the residents from parking in his own assigned space. Since it has been determined that the trees in question are on BT2 property, the Board agreed to obtain quotes from tree services.

SEPTEMBER, GENERAL ELECTIONS

MEETING - One resident brought up drug activity observed at a rental property on Marquette Lane. The resident reporting about this problem stated that subpoenas had been issued to those residents, but that the police had indicated that they could do nothing unless they actually observed the crime as it was occurring. It was suggested that a complaint be made to the homeowner.

Elections - Each current Board member made a brief statement giving his/her reasons for desiring to continue on the Board. Following the voting and ballot count, the Elections Committee announced that all members of the current Board had been re-elected.

OCTOBER - The Board voted unanimously to renew Access Landscaping's contract for the next two years.

The Board addressed the question as to whether we should replace the rest of the fencing along the retaining wall behind the odd side of Marquette, below Hilltop Plaza.

Tree branches that are leaning over the parking area along a portion of the alley behind (the odd side of) Morningside Lane need to be removed. Steve Everd, who has provided tree service in our community previously, has given an estimate of \$350 to take care of this. The Board will follow up.

There was discussion about the apparently intentional poisoning of several of the homeless cats that had been living in the area behind the odd side of Midsummer Lane. Harming of animals is a felony which can result in a fine and/or a prison term.

There will be no HOA meeting in November, as the fourth Monday falls on the week of Thanksgiving. (There is normally no HOA meeting in December.) The next HOA meeting will be on January 27th, 2014.

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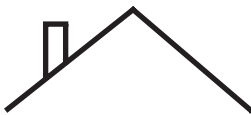
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Note on Dog Waste

Once more, we are asking that dog walkers/owners pick up after their pets. Remember that there is a \$50 fine for the 1st offense, and \$100 for each subsequent one (Bowie City Code #4-17). If you see someone neglecting to pick up their dog's deposits, the office to call is Animal Control at City Hall: 301/809-2365 or -3002.

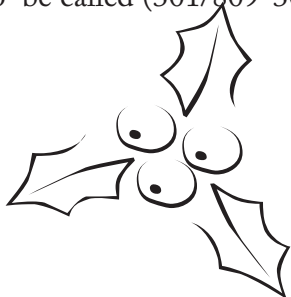
Speaking of refuse, we urge all residents to pick up any trash that leaks out after the garbage collectors have come through. Failure to do so attracts rodents and other animals which may be carrying disease.

Reminder About Child Safety and Respect for Property

Again, we ask parents please to make sure that your children are playing in safe areas off the street. Also, please watch to make sure that they are not playing in other people's yards (unless invited by that resident to do so) and that they are not causing damage to others' property. We encourage parents of younger children to have them play on the large grassy area that is between Midsummer Lane and Free State Shopping Center.

Pet Safety

Many of us in the community have pets. To insure that they are kept out of harm's way, we encourage pet owners to control their pets' comings and goings. Otherwise, if your pet is viewed as being at risk or is not recognized as someone's pet, Animal Control may have to be called (301/809-3013).



If you are Cold, They are Cold

With the onset of colder weather, animals take refuge in the strangest places. Before heading out in your car, bang on the hood to make sure a cat isn't snuggling up with a warm engine.

Extreme cold can be very dangerous for pets. It is best to keep pets indoors during the winter months. Indoor pets should only be let outside for short periods. They might have their own fur coats, but that doesn't mean they are immune from health hazards in frigid weather. You wouldn't go outside without proper gear in winter, so don't send your pets out unprepared either. Animals can suffer from hypothermia, frostbite and other cold weather injuries, and harsh conditions can weaken their immune systems, making the animals more susceptible to illness. When outside be sure to pay attention to signs that your pet is getting too cold. Shivering, whimpering, repeated lifting of paws and lethargy are good signs your pet is too cold.



Important Notice to All Residents

It is suspected that several of the homeless cats that had been living in the area behind the odd side of Midsummer Lane have been intentionally poisoned. What makes this particularly disturbing is that one of these cats had become the pet of a family living on that block. The entire community needs to be aware that outdoor cats are protected under state anti-cruelty laws. Intentional killing of these animals is a felony offense which could lead to a five-year prison term and a fine of up to \$5,000.



Curbside Leaf Collection Program

The city's curbside leaf collection program begins in late October / early November each year. Each single-family residence in the city (and some townhome communities) will be visited twice by leaf collection crews according to the published leaf collection schedule.

Leaves must be raked to the curb by 7 a.m. on the day scheduled for pick up. Bagged leaves are collected year round on Wednesdays, as part of the city's yard waste collection program.

The curbside leaf collection schedule is published each fall in the Bowie Spotlight - on cityofbowie.org, and in local papers. Weather may disrupt the collection schedule.

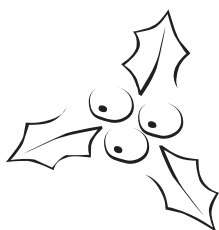
Pick-Up

Please note that some sections may take more than one day to complete. If there are two consecutive days listed for your neighborhood, please make sure that the leaves are at the curb by 7 a.m. on the first day.

Schedule permitting, city crews may work ahead to collect leaves already at the side of the road in order to address poor impending weather conditions or heavy leaf volume. Whenever this occurs, all streets will be revisited on the scheduled date to collect any leaves raked out in the interim.

The Leaf Collection Program is a joint project of the Public Works Department and the Parks and Grounds Division of the Community Services Department. For more information about leaf collection, contact the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.

Be Sure to check the Bel Air Town II website (belairtown2.com) or the City of Bowie website (cityofbowie.org) for snow removal updates throughout the winter.



Asian Roasted Brussels Sprouts with Cranberries

Ingredients:

- 1 pound Brussels sprouts, halved
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 2 tablespoons fish sauce*
- 1 teaspoon Asian chili-garlic sauce*
- 1 teaspoon canola oil



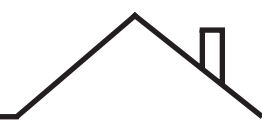
Preparation

1. Preheat oven to 425°. Place Brussels sprouts on a cookie sheet; drizzle with 1 tablespoon oil, tossing to coat. Arrange sprouts on pan, cut sides down, and bake 30 minutes or until tender and browned.
2. Meanwhile, bring sugar and water to a boil in a small saucepan over medium-high heat, stirring constantly to dissolve sugar. Remove from heat. Stir in cranberries, and let stand 10 minutes.
3. Whisk together fish sauce, chili-garlic sauce, and 1 teaspoon canola oil in a large bowl. Stir in cranberry mixture.
4. Add roasted Brussels sprouts to cranberry mixture, and toss to coat

**Should be available at local grocery store in the Asian section.*



If you need help with landscaping, hardscaping, and/or snow/ice maintenance, Access Landscaping is more than willing to accommodate. Please email for a quote today: accesslandscaping@yahoo.com!



A Story

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved.

'I want to repay you,' said the nobleman. 'You saved my son's life.'

'No, I can't accept payment for what I did,' the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel.

'Is that your son?' the nobleman asked.

'Yes,' the farmer replied proudly.

'I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of.' And that he did.

Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time, graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin.

Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia.

What saved his life this time? Penicillin.

The name of the nobleman?

Lord Randolph Churchill...His son's name?

Sir Winston Churchill.

Someone once said:

What goes around comes around.

Work as if you don't need the money.

Love as if you've never been hurt.

Dance as if nobody's watching.

Sing as if nobody's listening.

Live as if it's Heaven on Earth.



COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION



Emergency	911
Bowie Police (non-emergency)	301-390-2100
P.G. County Police (non-emergency)	301-333-4000
City of Bowie	301-262-6200
www.cityofbowie.org	

Upcoming Board Meetings

Upcoming Board Meetings: The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, January 27, 2013, at 7:00 PM at the meeting room in the Super Giant at the Free State Mall on Annapolis Road. The next monthly meetings will be held on the following Mondays: February 24, March 24, April 28, May 19.



BOARD MEMBERS

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