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Prince George's County Council - District 4



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Dear Friends:

As always, thank you for making our county and especially our District, District 4 a great place to live! The coming months are sure to be exciting ones and I look forward to your community events where we will have the opportunity to fellowship and share ideas on how we can continue working together for Prince George's County. Your input is vital to a growing, thriving citizenry and we look forward to your participation.

We have a number of events planned this summer that I would love to see you at. Visit the District 4 booth on June 5 during Bowiefest for information on nutrition, healthy habits and activities that promote healthy living.

Please come out and let me know what is important to you. I truly value your opinion on issues that come before the County Council and I am always interested in hearing from my constituents.

To coordinate my participation at your community event or meeting, please contact District 4 Constituent Services Aide Altmann Pannell at 301.952.3094 or via e-mail at [arpannell@co.pg.md.us](mailto:arpannell@co.pg.md.us).

I am pleased to announce the Prince George's County Council unanimously adopted the County's new balanced \$2.6 Billion Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2011 during session on Thursday, May 27, 2010. The FY' 11 budget becomes effective with the new Fiscal Year, which begins July 1, 2010. The new spending plan is \$4.3 Million, or 0.2% over last year's approved budget.

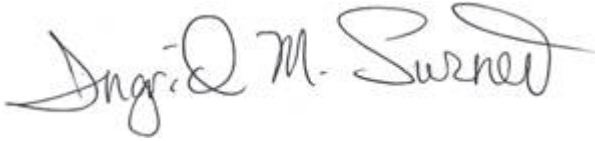
Overall, 66.7% of County revenue has been approved for Education, including the Board of Education, Prince George's Community College, and the Memorial Library. Criminal Justice and Public Safety received 20.5% of County Budget, the second largest appropriation.

The remaining 12.8% of County General Funds supports fixed charges and debt services, leaving 4.6% for Human Services, Public Works, Environment and General Government.

As always, please enjoy this month's E-News as you should find some updates about things happening in our community and some interesting events in which you and your family may participate. If you have information that you would like to be included in future newsletters that will be beneficial to other

residents, please email the information to [arpannell@co.pg.md.us](mailto:arpannell@co.pg.md.us).

Working for YOU!



**Ingrid M. Turner**

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### **BowieFest 2010!**

On my committed path to fight childhood obesity in our county, I plan to raise awareness with a series of events this year. On June 5, at BowieFest 2010, come join me in this fight. Please feel free to stop by my booth to gain more information on nutrition, healthy habits and activities that will promote a more healthy and educated county

BowieFest will be held on Saturday, June 5, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Allen Pond Park, 3330 Northview Drive, Bowie, MD.

### **M-NCPPC Zoning Newsletter**

Are you interested in learning more about the Comprehensive Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations by the M-NCPPC? Please see their latest newsletter which has updates and information on zoning by clicking [here](#) .

### **M-NCPPC Department of Parks and Recreation Summer Pool Openings**

M-NCPPC Department of Parks and Recreation outdoor pools opened for the 2010 summer season on Saturday, May 29. The following pools are open for weekend swimming:

- **Allentown Fitness & Splash Park**  
*7210 Allentown Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744.*  
This facility features an outdoor splash pool, wading pool, diving well, picnic area and volleyball court, as well as an indoor aquatic complex.
- **Glenn Dale Splash Park**  
*11901 Glenn Dale Blvd. (Rt. 193), Glenn Dale, MD 20769.*  
The seasonal, outdoor family splash park offers play areas for pre-schoolers, water spray features, and a lily



Council Member Ingrid M. Turner and Council Member Samuel H. Dean take a picture with Mark Crenshaw from DuVal High School during Student Shadow Day 2010. Mark is currently a junior and serves as Group Commander in the JROTC program. He has served a term as class president and hopes to continue a career in leadership activities.



During County Government Week, on May 4, 2010 students shadowed members of the County Council for the Day. This year's focus was on "Health Living" where Council Members along with Dr. Donald Shell, Prince George's County Health Department Officer spoke with students about healthy living and lifestyle factors.

pad crossing adjacent to Glenn Dale Community Center.

The pools listed above will be open weekends only, May 29 – June 12, until school is out.

In addition to outdoor pools, the M-NCPPC Department of Parks and Recreation operates four year-round indoor pools. These are **Allentown Fitness & Splash Park** in Fort Washington, **Fairland Sports and Aquatics Complex** in Laurel, **Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex** in Landover, and **Rollingcrest-Chillum Splash Pool** in Chillum.

For more information about M-NCPPC aquatic facilities, hours of operation and admission fees, swim lessons, and the Aqua Access program for youth, visit [www.pgpcarks.com](http://www.pgpcarks.com) or call the Customer Service Help Desk at 301-699-CALL(2255).

#### **2010 Prince George's County Homeownership Fair**

The Prince George's County Association of REALTORS (PGCAR) is pleased to announce that they are organizing their first REALTORS Association Homeownership Fair.

The Fair is intended to highlight housing opportunities in Prince George's County. Programs will also be offered to assist individuals to retain homeownership. Similar to previous Housing Fairs, the 2010 event will offer numerous workshops and forums which will include a Pre-Foreclosure Workshop, First Time Homebuyer Program, Financial Literacy Training, Homeownership Counseling, 203K Acquisition and Rehabilitation Program, Senior Housing Workshop and More.

The exhibit hall will be open throughout the day featuring REALTORS, Lenders, Banks, Title Companies, Housing Counseling Agencies and Federal, State and Local Housing officials.

The Housing Fair will take place on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at the Prince George's County Sports and Learning Complex in



On May 14, 2010, Health, Education, and Human Services Committee Chair, Ingrid M. Turner and Vice Chair Will Campos hosted the first "County Youth Health Day". Students from Laurel High School, Bowie High School, Bladensburg High School, and Thurgood Marshall Middle School were delighted to attend the program. Students were able to tour the Prince Georges Hospital Trauma Center where hospital president John A. O'Brien spoke to the students about what occurs in the center as well as internship opportunities as well as a visit to the hospital's trauma room, laboratory and emergency helipad Students also toured the Bowie Health Center and visited the x-ray room, patient waiting area and emergency unit.

Landover, Maryland from 9:00 am. to 3:00 pm.  
For more information please contact the Prince George's County Association of Realtors, Inc. at 301-306-7900.

### **2010 Beltway BBQ Showdown & Juneteenth Celebration**

What's on your calendar for June? Be sure to leave time to attend two great programs at Watkins Regional Park next month. The 2010 Beltway BBQ Showdown will be held at the park on Saturday, June 5 and the Juneteenth celebration will take place at the park on Saturday, June 19. The Beltway BBQ Showdown (12 noon - 5 pm) will feature great food, live blues music, a car show, children's activities and lots of fun.

The Juneteenth Celebration (12 noon-5 pm) will include live entertainment, games, arts & crafts, genealogy sessions, food and fun for the whole family. Read more about these great programs at [www.pgparks.com](http://www.pgparks.com).

### **Celebrate Father's Day with the Prince George's Arts Council**

On Sunday, June 20 at Allen Pond Park, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm celebrate Father's Day with the Prince George's Art's Council! Come enjoy an evening concert featuring Carolyn Malachi, Rhythm in Blues Band & The Colours. Bring your picnic baskets, lawn chairs, blankets, family and friends! Free parking available. Allen Pond Park is located at 3330 Northview Drive, Bowie, Maryland 20716. For more information, call 301-277-1402 or visit <http://www.princegeorgesartscouncil.org/>

### **State Highway Administration Customer Service**

The Maryland State Highway Administration has established an automated service request system on their website ([www.marylandroads.com](http://www.marylandroads.com)) similar to the City's own GovQA. On the website, click on Contact Us to access the Service Request Menu. The link for the service request site is below.  
[http://marylandsha.force.com/customer-care/request\\_for\\_service](http://marylandsha.force.com/customer-care/request_for_service)

The service request system may be used by anyone to place a request for a SHA response to issues involving street lights, traffic signals, signage, mowing, litter, dead animals, etc. on State roadways. Also, an important phone number to keep handy is the one for the Statewide Operations Center, which handles all highway emergency situations NOT REQUIRING POLICE ASSISTANCE, such as items in the roadway, sinkholes or traffic signal outages. Anyone should feel free to call the toll free number 1-800-543-2515 to report these problems to a representative.

### **Mortgage Grants For Teachers, Police Officers and**



President Mickey L. Burnim, Bowie State University is pictured with County Council members Ingrid M. Turner, Tony Knotts, Andrea C. Harrison, Samuel H. Dean, and Marilyn M. Bland during a breakfast reception held in honor of Bowie State University's 145<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. After the breakfast reception, Council Member Ingrid M. Turner along with colleagues on the Prince George's County Council presented President Burnim, members of the BSU Board of Visitors, and senior cabinet members with a proclamation of recognition for this excellent accomplishment.



Lieutenant Colonel Markus A. Summers was presented with a proclamation in recognition of his outstanding public service in Prince George's County. Council Member Ingrid M. Turner and Council Chair Thomas E. Dernoga were pleased to present Mr. Markus with this honor.

## **Employees**

The City of Bowie has begun a program to offer mortgage assistance grants to teachers, police officers and City employees who are buying their first house in Bowie. Funding for the grants is coming from the City, Prince George's County Council Member Ingrid M. Turner as part of her discretionary grant and the State of Maryland. Learn more about the grants in the attached press release. For information call 301-809-3072 or go to the [Grants](#) page of this website.

## **Improvements for Allen Pond Park and Whitemarsh Park**

The City of Bowie is examining ways to improve two of its most popular parks.

### **Allen Pond Park**

After receiving input from the community, a consultant has proposed a plan to rehabilitate and improve Allen Pond Park. See more information about what's planned at the following link: [Allen Pond Master Plan](#)

### **Whitemarsh Park**

A similar effort has begun for Whitemarsh Park. Lardner/Klein, Landscape Architects was recently awarded a contract to develop a master plan for Whitemarsh Park. After a series of community meetings, the firm will offer a plan for enhancing Whitemarsh Park. Details about the progress of this project will be posted on the [Whitemarsh Master Plan](#) page of this site.

## **FREE Summer Events in the Parks**

### **In the Park After Dark**

On June 23, 2010 at 8:30 pm. bring your little ones to "In the Park After Dark". A Park Ranger will tell a story about nature. After the story enjoy roasting marshmallows and meeting new friends! Registration is required. Email [amartinek@cityofbowie.org](mailto:amartinek@cityofbowie.org) Accommodations for persons with special needs will be provided upon request. Two weeks' notice is required This event is sponsored by the City of Bowie Park Operations Division

### **Nature Detective Scavenger Hunt**

Do you enjoy nature? Also enjoy scavenger hunts? Well come participate in the "Nature Detective Scavenger Hunt" at Whitemarsh Park on June 23, at 10: am. Comd try to discover animal tracks, where animals sleep, where they get water, and look and listen for animals along the way. Children must have a chaperone with them at all times. Registration is required. Email [amartinek@cityofbowie.org](mailto:amartinek@cityofbowie.org). Accommodations for persons with special needs will be provided upon request. Two weeks notice is required. This event is sponsored by the City of



Ms. Gloria Brown and members of the Happy-Go-Lucky senior group enjoy the "Senior Chat & Chew" with Council Member Ingrid M. Turner at the Bowie Senior Center.



Pastor Steve of the Cornerstone Assembly of God gave the opening remarks at the District 4 Business Forum sponsored by Council Member Ingrid M. Turner. A number of presenters including special guest speaker General (Ret) Roger Blunt, P.E., President, Essex Construction, LLC, spoke about different tools and tips to get new businesses off the ground or obtain difficult contracts. The Council Member was able to speak with constituents about their further entrepreneurial

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ideas and what steps to take become successful business owners.

### **Nature Bingo!**

Fun in the Park and learn something too! On June 28 at 10:00 am., come bring your children to play Nature Bingo at Allen Pond Park. Children must have a chaperone with them at all times. Registration is required. Email [amartinek@cityofbowie.org](mailto:amartinek@cityofbowie.org). Accommodations for persons with special needs will be provided upon request. Two weeks' notice is required. This event is sponsored by the City of Bowie Park Operations Division.

***June is Peace Month 2010 in Greenbelt; please see the exciting upcoming events below:***

#### **Saturday, June 5**

- **Youth Sprint Triathlon** at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center. Children ages 8-15, come swim, bike and run! Bring your helmets and bikes for this fun event. The Race begins with a 40 meter swim at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center. Next is a 1.5 mile bike ride through a marked off-road course. The third leg is a run around the Buddy Attick Park lake path. All participants will receive a medal and t-shirts. Additional awards will be presented to the top finishers in each age group. To register download an application from [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov). The fee is \$10 for Pre-Registered Racers and \$20.00 for race day registrations. Pre-register by June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Day of race registration begins at 9:00am at the Youth Center. For more information contact Andrew Phelan at 240-542-2194.
- **Not for Seniors Only Program: Memory and the Brain** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. This event is sponsored by the Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee. This upbeat session will use hands on activities to learn about the brain, its various lobes, and why each is relevant to memory. Also, nutritional information for brain health, tips and techniques to keep it sharp and a fun exercise on memory and recall. Featuring Carol Clatterbuck from Holy Cross Hospital. For more information contact Karen Haseley at 240-542-2054. This is a **FREE** event.
- **FREE Community Concert** at the Roosevelt Center, Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770 at 4:00 pm. The concert is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts and will feature local talent from the Greenbelt Elementary School Chorus and the Northwestern High School Band. .

#### **Sunday, June 6**

- **Naturalization Ceremony** at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 beginning at 1:00 pm. The ceremony sponsored by United States Citizen and Immigration Services. USCIS will administer the Oath of Allegiance to U.S. citizenship candidates as part of a formal ceremony. For Naturalization information or to contact USCIS call 1-800-375-5283.
- **An Artful Afternoon** at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 from 1:00- 4:00 pm..Greenbelt's monthly mini-arts festival will feature Hands-on Art Workshops create whimsical flowers out of plastic bags. Join the Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition in an additional workshop. Also, meet sculptor Alexandra Zealand at a small reception for her exhibition *Fibonacci*. Then, enjoy a concert by the Greenbelt Concert Band. Finally, participate in the Artist Studios Open House and Greenbelt Museum historic house tours. For more information call 240-542-2057.

### **Candlelight Vigil in Memory of Esther Webb**

On June 10 at the Community Center front lawn, beginning at 8:00 pm there will be a Candlelight Vigil held in Memory of Ester Webb.

### **Potluck Picnic and Sing Along**

Come join in on the Potluck Picnic and Sing Along in honor of Ester Webb at Buddy Attick Park from 5:00- 9:00pm on June 12, 2010.

### **"Bikes for the World"**

On June 13, 2010, at the Municipal Building rear parking lot (Baha'i Community), donate your used bikes for "Bikes for the Work" from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm.

### **Monthly Movies at the Senior Center**

Come join other Seniors for June's month movie of *Rear Window* in the Senior Lounge at 1:00 pm.

### **Family Nights at the Aquatic & Fitness Center**

Come participate in Family Night on June 18 at the Aquatic Fitness Center. Admittance to the pool is \$3 for all families, including pass holders. Family Night is held each month of the summer from 8:00-10:00 pm. in the outdoor pool.

### **Blood Drive**

On June 29, *Donate blood and save a life at the Greenbelt Municipal Building from 2:00- 8:00 pm.* This blood drive co-sponsored by the American Red Cross and Greenbelt Recreation Department. The Greenbelt Municipal Building, 2-8pm.

### **Summer 2010 Playgrounds and Xtreme Teen Centers**

Registration is now open for Summer 2010 Playgrounds and Xtreme Teen Centers programs. Summer Playgrounds for residents of Prince George's County ages 6-12, will be conducted at more than 100 elementary schools and M-NCPCC facilities throughout the county. They will operate Mondays through Fridays from 9 am to 3 pm between Monday, June 28 and Friday, August 6. Registered children are free to come and go during the day, and to attend some days but not others. Teen Centers, for Prince George's County youth ages 13-17, operate Mondays through Fridays between Monday, June 28 and Friday, August 6. Hours vary by site. For detailed information about fees, locations and more, [click here](#) or call staff at 301-699-CALL (2255).

**If you would like to be included in our mailings, please forward your name and address to [LCFerguson@co.pg.md.us](mailto:LCFerguson@co.pg.md.us). Please also pass this information on to other concerned citizens. Remember, as a team working together, much can be accomplished.**

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