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Prince George's County Council - District 4



April 2010

Dear Residents:

It remains a great honor to represent you on the County Council. Now that spring is here, I write to you with hope and anticipation that the seeds are being planted for a fruitful harvest.

Last month, I had the honor to present a Council Proclamation to the Women's Commission, which is chaired by Bowie resident Jennifer Jones. Greenbelt resident Dr. Jane Ross serves as Chair of the Commission's Legislative Committee. The proclamation honored the Women's Commission for all of the work they do on behalf of women in Prince George's County.

Last month, my colleagues and I stood together representing the citizens of Prince George's County and rejected the County Executive's nomination for the Chair of the Planning Board. I also heard you say, you did not want increased density at the corner of 193 and 450, so my colleagues and I kept the current zoning in place and did not increase the zoning as the developer requested as part of the Glenn Dale SMA.

So, yes, March presented some challenges, but my colleagues and I heard the citizens of Prince George's County loud and clear. The upcoming months will also present many difficult challenges for my colleagues and I as we work to adopt a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2011, amid declining resources. I am confident, however, that we will adopt a budget that appropriately allocates our limited resources, standing true to our priorities of improving education, keeping our communities safe and creating jobs.

I truly value your opinion on issues that come before the County Council and I am always interested in hearing from my constituents. The Council will hold several public meetings and hearings regarding the budget before it is adopted. It is likely several adjustments could be made, and public input will be critical. I strongly encourage you to attend meetings scheduled to accommodate your schedules, so you can participate in a process that impacts each of us. Budget public hearings will be held in the Council

Hearing Room, First Floor, County Administration Building, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, in Upper Marlboro.

Budget Public Hearings. WSSC Budget, April 6, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.; M-NCPPC Budget, April 27, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.; County FY' 11 Budget and Capital Improvement Budget, May 3, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.; and County FY' 11 Budget and Capital Improvement Budget, May 11, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

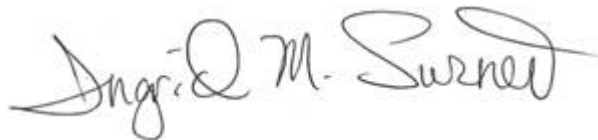
Budget Work Sessions and Public Hearings will be taped to air on Prince George's Community Television. For air dates, contact CTV at 301.773.0900, or visit CTV76.com.

Please come out and let me know what is important to you.

Census 2010 – This will determine for 10 years whether or not we get our fair share of funds. Census 2010 will determine how much funding we get for our schools, roads, healthcare and many other vital things. It is critical that we all take the time to be counted. Please spread the word and make sure everyone is counted so we get our fair share of funds.

Lastly, in this E-News you should find some updates about things happening in our community and some interesting events for you and your family to enjoy. 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.

Working for YOU!



Ingrid M. Turner
Council Member – District 4

News You Can Use!!!

FREE Youth County Health Day

On Thursday, April 15, 2010 the Prince George's County Council's Committee on Health, Education and Human Services will host a FREE Youth County Health Day for Prince George's County high school students. The purpose of the day is to provide students with an interest in health related fields an opportunity to dialogue with Dr. Donald Shell, Prince George's Health



Officer, on the state of health in Prince George's County and tour two Prince George's County health facilities – the Prince George's County Hospital Trauma Center and the Bowie Health Center.

The day begins at 9:00 am at the Prince George's County, County Administration Building, located at 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772, and concludes at 2:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. For additional information, please contact my Chief of Staff Tomeka C. Bumbry at tcbumbry@co.pg.md.us or call directly at (301) 952-3094.

Road and Transportation Updates in Councilmanic District 4

❖ *Mount Oak/Church/Woodmore Roads Intersection Improvement Project*

This intersection improvement will improve the safety and capacity of the intersection, which includes moving the eastbound Woodmore Road approach to the north to align with Mount Oak Road, widening the approach roadways to arterial and collector divided roadways as well as installing a traffic signal and pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Major construction activities are underway and are expected to continue for two-years. Motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians are asked to stay alert for any traffic pattern changes and to use caution when going through this work zone. For more information please refer to my website at [Mount Oak](#).

❖ *The intersection of MD 450 and Bowie High School*

At this intersection, audible and countdown pedestrian signals are being installed. Progress is about 25% complete and is expected to be finished in the spring. Also included at this intersection is No Left Turn between 7:15 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. except buses along eastbound MD 450 at No Right turn along westbound MD 450 same time buses excluded.

To improve operations at the entrance to the high school as school buses were unable to efficiently maneuver with cars and buses dropping off at the same entrance. Cars now



I am extremely excited to announce that the Prince George's County Fire/Emergency Medical Services Department welcomed a class of 40 new recruits on February 1st as they started their first day at the Training Academy Career Recruit School (CRS) It has been 2 1/2 years since our last recruit class so I am very excited about bringing on these new recruits to help with our staffing levels.



SPEAK Maryland Oratory League Inc. Board Member Monica Lipscomb and Council Member Ingrid M. Turner take a picture at the 2009 Spring SPEAK! Oratory Tournament.

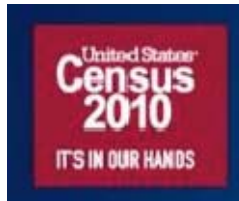


Council Member Ingrid M. Turner visited with the Whitehall Elementary School Science Bowl quarter-finalist and wished them continued success.

use the Belair Drive entrance during these hours.

Census 2010 is Here

Council Member Ingrid M. Turner encourages all residents to complete the Census form and return it promptly. OUR future resources depend upon your actions. By now every household in District 4 should



have received your census. The form should be completed and returned by April 1, which is Census Day. Be sure to include everyone living at your address in your responses. Your answers provide valuable information about people in each community, for all levels of government. Community needs are determined from the information provided.

Everyone will receive the short form containing a few general questions. Some residents will receive a longer form from the Census Bureau. It is the American Community Survey, which is an ongoing survey sent to a random sample of the population throughout the year. It is not the 2010 Census. The short form should still be completed.

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's personal information with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. The information you provide is strictly confidential and will only be used for the specific purposes of the Census. Addresses that have not responded by late April will be visited by a Census worker between late April and July. Census workers can be identified by a Census badge and bag that they will be carrying. For more information about the Census or to view the actual questionnaire, visit the Census Bureau website at www.census.gov.

FY 2011 Grant Application Now Available Online

The Prince George's Arts Council (PGAC) is pleased to announce that the FY 2011 grant applications are now available online at www.princegeorgesartscouncil.org.

Artists, arts organizations, schools and community groups are encouraged to apply to one or more programs. All applicants must meet eligibility requirements to apply. New this year, applicants may submit multiple applications to the various funding programs, but will only be eligible to receive two grants per fiscal year. Applicants may not receive multiple funding from PGAC for the same project.



Tatiana Ellerbe, Angela Ellard, and Shaunakay Stewart guide Council Member Ingrid M. Turner around Benjamin Tasker Middle School when she spoke to several classes during Black History Month.



Council Member Ingrid M. Turner takes a picture with students from Pointer Ridge Elementary School during a visit where she stressed the importance of reading on Friday, January 15, 2010. The children each received a copy of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory through a partnership with the Prince George's Community Foundation.



Council Member Ingrid M. Turner takes a picture with students from Greenbelt Elementary School during a visit where she stressed the importance of reading on Friday, January 15, 2010. The Children each received a copy of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory through a partnership with

Additionally, all workshops will be conducted via teleconferencing. Note the grant guidelines and applications for specific review criteria, workshop and deadline dates. For more information, please call 301-277-1402.

The Deadlines for applications entries are as follows:

FRIDAY, April 30, 2010

*Arts in School
Work in Progress
Arts in the Community*

FRIDAY, May 7, 2010

*Artists in Residency
Individual Professional Development
Organizational Development*

FRIDAY, May 14, 2010

*Production/Presentation
Community Arts Education*

Phase III School Boundary Meeting

On April 12th the City of Bowie will be hosting a meeting on the Phase III School Boundary proposal with the Prince George's County Board of Education. Prince George's County Schools Chief Academic Officer Duane Arbogast and Academic Officer Lateefah Durant will present information at the meeting regarding the third phase of a realignment of public schools in the County. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi Purpose Room at Bowie City Hall, located at 2614 Kenhill Drive, Bowie, MD. For additional information please contact the Leni Stern, 301-809-3068, lstern@cityofbowie.org, or Una Cooper, 301-809-3032, ucooper@cityofbowie.org.

South Bowie Library Construction Update

We are all very excited for the construction of the new South Bowie Library. It is taking longer than expected to begin actual construction which was scheduled to begin on February 2, 2010. However because of the extreme wet period and very high water tables, almost all new construct has slowed down until the ground has a chance to significantly dry. Limited perimeter construction will begin soon and actual construction of our great new library will follow shortly afterwards. For more information please contact my office at 301-952-3094.

the Prince George's community foundation.



Students at Duval High School take a picture with Council Member Ingrid M. Turner after being presented with a \$1,000 check for the Duval Mentoring through Horticulture Program.



Council Member Ingrid M. Turner along with Senator Peters, Senator Currie, Senator Exum and Senator Kelley take a picture during a proclamation given to Chapter President Ingrid Harrison on Iota Gamma Omega Day in Annapolis.



Council Member Ingrid M. Turner attends the Greenbelt Elementary School Spring Fair and unveils the 6 tricycles and bicycle helmets she donated to assist the pre-K and Kindergarten students.

Front row: Will Godfrey - 1st Grade, Stephen Duda - Kindergarten, Erik Dabelko, Hanna Huff - Kindergarten

Back row: Sebastian Fernandes-Napp - 3rd Grade, Ana Fernandez-Napp 3rd Grade

Bowie Volunteer Fire Department Needs Volunteers

The Bowie Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc., (BVFD) is looking for new members to join its elite firefighting and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) teams. Recent budget cutbacks by the Prince Georges County Fire/EMS Department have made the work of local volunteers even more critical to our community's public safety. A wide variety of emergency and non-emergency support activities are available for qualified volunteers.

Minimum requirements for firefighters/EMTs include being at least 16 years old, completion of a background investigation and physical evaluation and completion of basic training courses. For a full list of requirements and an on-line interest application, visit the website at www.bowievfd.org.

Bowie Water System Customers Can Now Pay Bills Electronically

City of Bowie Water and Sewer customers now have the option of signing up for automatic debit payment of their water bill. They can also pay their quarterly bills by credit or debit card from the City website. Just look for the water bill icon on our home page, www.cityofbowie.org. For questions about the service, please contact the Finance Department at 301-809-3010.

The Bowie Pantry Needs Food and Monetary Donations

Residents are encouraged to make donations, whenever possible, to the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry. The demand for assistance has been rising rapidly, in the current economy, and supplies are running dangerously low. Items that are currently needed are non-perishable foods and diapers.

Food donations are needed and appreciated throughout the year, and may be made at the following locations:

Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry: Located at the Christian Community Presbyterian Church (CCPC), 3120 Belair Drive. (Hours are 9 to 11 am Monday, Wednesday and Friday, but donations may be accepted at other times. bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com, 301-262-6765)

- ❖ Bowie City Hall: 2614 Kenhill Drive. A labeled collection bucket is provided near the front reception

Adults: Kimberly Seidel - Principal,
Councilmember Turner



Council Member Ingrid M. Turner attends the Greenbelt Elementary School Spring Fair and unveils the 6 tricycles and bicycle helmets she donated to assist the pre-K and Kindergarten students.

Front row: Dominique Paige, Hanna Huff - Kindergarten, Michael Bugg - 5th Grade and Dominique's cousin



Council Member Ingrid M. Turner and constituent Zenia Robinson of Lanham attend the 30th Annual Woman's History Luncheon.

desk. Bowie Senior Center (14900 Health Center Drive) Baskets are available for donations, on a table between the front desk and the activity rooms.

Please note: Donations are tax deductible.

- ❖ Monetary contributions may be sent to the Bowie Food Pantry at 3120 Belair Drive, Bowie, MD 20715.
- ❖ Local Grocery store gift cards are also accepted, and are used for the purchase of needed items.

Summer Camps, Playgrounds, and Xtreme Teen Centers

There are so many summer camps, playgrounds and teen centers to choose from, you may wish to start planning now. Visit www.pgpcamps.com and click on the SMARTlink logo to view listings, descriptions, and registration information about summer camps, playgrounds and teen centers. Make note of these important registration dates:

- **Thursday, April 1:** Registration for Summer Playgrounds and Summer Xtreme Teen Centers begins at 9:00 a.m.

Youth Leadership Bowie

The Youth Leadership Bowie (YLB) program is designed to provide young people with experiential leadership opportunities while exposing them to career paths. Networking and relationship building are key components of this year- long program that motivates participants to get involved in their community. The program runs from September thru May. Participants meet one day per month for a group activity and complete a community service project. Students who live in the City or attend Bowie High who will be sophomores and juniors in the Fall of 2010 are invited to contact Bowie City Hall (301-809-3014) or the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce (301-262-0920) for additional information or to request an application. All applications must be received by May 7, 2010.

13th Annual Youth Summit on Technology in Bowie

The 13th Annual Youth Summit on Technology will be held on April 24th, 2010 at Bowie High School hosted by Patriots Technology. Summit Registration is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. To compete, Registration is \$40. Parent Registration is \$10. For more information, please contact the Patriots at 301-952-9350.



Council Member Ingrid M. Turner takes part in presenting a proclamation for the "30th Anniversary" of National Women's History Month 2010.

City of Bowie Arbor Day Celebration

Come out and celebrate Arbor Day with the City of Bowie. The festivities will take place on April 10th at 10:00 am at Acorn Hill Park. For more information please call the City of Bowie at 301-809-3047.

Stream Team Cleanup Day in Bowie

Make Plans Now to Join Our Stream Teams in April On Saturday, April 17, 2010. Community volunteers and City staff will be walking some of the City's streams to pick up trash and help protect Bowie's environment. Your help is needed! If you'd like to join participate, please call the City of Bowie at 301-809-3047 or email twright@cityofbowie.org

Annual Spring Egg Hunt in Greenbelt

Join in the Annual Spring Egg Hunt at the Greenbelt Community Center front lawn. Ages 18 months through 6th grade can join Mister Bunny in finding eggs. This event takes place on **Saturday**, April 3rd at 1:00pm. This year the egg hunt is followed by **AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON**. Join in Arts and Crafts making cloth fairies and Manga elves with Celestine Ranney-Howes. At 3pm enjoy the Spilling Ink Project, memorable tales from Indian folklore through traditional South Indian classical dance.

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Celebration of Spring in Greenbelt

On Saturday, April 17th, from 2:00 pm-6:00 pm, enjoy the Celebration of Spring at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. Enjoy, make and take art activities, entertainment, moon bounces, games and more. Hot dogs and chips provided.

Electronics Recycling

Have old & unused electronics? Come recycle them at Greenbelt Public Works Facility, on Saturday, April 17th, from 9:00am-12pm, 555 Crescent Road. Click here for more info: [ELECTRONICS RECYCLING](#)

City of Greenbelt Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebrations!

On Saturday, April 24th, from 10:00am-2:00 pm, come celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day at Buddy Attick Park. Help plant a rain garden, participate in a tree planting, or take a nature tour of the park. Step next door for the **ANNUAL PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE**, enjoy demonstrations and tour the facility. Hot dogs and light refreshments.

Governor's Wellmobile

The WellMobile is at Springhill Lake Elementary the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month from 9am-3pm. Appointments can be made by calling 1-866-228-9668. [Click here](#) for more

information. [WellMobile Schedule](#).

Maryland Offers \$25 Coupon When You Plant a Tree

The State of Maryland is challenging Marylanders to plant one million trees by 2011. To encourage this effort, the State is offering discount coupons worth \$25 toward the purchase of a tree. Information and the coupon may be downloaded from <http://www.trees.maryland.gov/>. There are restrictions about the types of trees and where they can be purchased. Check the website for all the details.

Schedule your singing audition

Ladies and gentlemen ages 10-17 who are residents of Prince George's County are cordially invited to audition for the 2010 Xtreme Teens Rising Stars Vocal Showcase. Both soloists and musical groups are welcome to audition. Those who make the cut will have the opportunity to perform in the Showcase at Kay Theatre (University of Maryland) on Saturday, May 15 and compete for prizes ranging from \$250-\$1,000. [Click here](#) to find out about audition dates, times, locations and more so you can schedule your audition and start practicing! For more information call 301-864-1611; Spanish Line 301-445-4509.

If you would like to be included in our mailings, please forward your name and address to 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.

Together

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