

## *News & Upcoming Events as of October 14, 2016*

### **Featured Events This Weekend**

- **Fire Prevention Day – Saturday, October 15, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
Have some fun, learn some tips about fire prevention, and gain some insight into the important work of local firefighters at Bowie Fire Prevention Day, sponsored by the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department. It takes place on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Station 39 at Free State Shopping Center. View the schedule of events at [www.bowievfd.org](http://www.bowievfd.org).
- **Bowie Health Fair – Saturday, October 15, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
The Bowie Health Fair will offer free flu shots, health screenings, consultations with medical professionals, and more on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at various buildings on Health Center Drive. Free shuttle bus service provided between locations. Details at [www.bowiehealthfair.com](http://www.bowiehealthfair.com).
- **Books about Bowie Book Fair – Sunday, October 16, 12 to 4 p.m.**  
Did you know that there's a new book out about Bowie? It's part of an Images of America series that features places all over the US. It chronicles the history of Bowie through photographs. You'll have a chance to see (and purchase) it and other books about our fair city at a Bowie Book Fair on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion.

Doing a little early holiday shopping? Why not purchase a beautiful Centennial ornament (\$6) and order your copy of the Bowie Centennial Cookbook (\$5) for your Bowie friends or family! On the day of the Book Fair, you'll enjoy a 20% discount on all purchases at the Mansion Gift Shop, which makes the ornament only \$4.80.

### **News**

#### **City of Bowie Non-Emergency Call Center**

The City of Bowie Non-Emergency Call Center operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week to handle your non-emergency calls for Bowie Police service. The Non-Emergency Call Center is also now the primary point of contact for residents in need of emergency City services after regular business hours. Examples of after-hour emergencies include trees down, power outages, and water main breaks. Call 240-544-5700 to reach the City of Bowie Non-Emergency Call Center or the administrative offices of the Police Department. For police and fire emergencies, all residents should continue to call 911.

#### **Jobs**

**The City of Bowie is seeking applicants for the following openings:**

- Non-Emergency Call Center Supervisor, Police Department (closes 10/23)

- Part-time Bus Driver, Senior Center (closes 10/28)
- Park Operations Assistant Manager, Community Services Department (closes 10/21)

For more information or to apply, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/jobs](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobs).

### **Early Voting at the City of Bowie Gym Begins Thursday, October 27**

Election Day may not be until Tuesday, November 8, 2016, but that doesn't mean you have to wait until then to vote. Early voting will take place at the City of Bowie Gymnasium (4100 Northview Drive) and eight other sites in the County from October 27 to November 3, 2016 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Registered voters can also vote by mail by requesting an absentee ballot. Details about voter registration, polling locations on Election Day, and voting by absentee ballot were included in the sample ballot booklet that was mailed to registered voters. You can also contact the Prince George's County Board of Elections for information at 301-341-7300 or visit [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov).

### **Centennial Essay Contest Deadline is October 28**

The City of Bowie has partnered with The Law Offices of Gabriel J. Christian & Associates to sponsor a Centennial Essay Contest for high school students. The firm has generously offered cash prizes of \$300 and \$200 to the first and second place winners who write an essay of at least 750 words about the past, present, and future of Bowie. Contest details can be found at [www.cityofbowie.org/centennial](http://www.cityofbowie.org/centennial). The deadline is October 28, 2016 and the contest is open to all high school students living within the municipal limits of the City of Bowie.

### **Curbside Vacuum Leaf Collection Runs from October 31 through mid-December**

The City's curbside leaf collection service begins Monday, October 31, 2016. Each residential neighborhood will have two collection dates. Residents should rake leaves into piles at the edge of their grass for pickup by City crews. Collection will take place from approximately 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. according to the Leaf Collection Schedule. Crews will work rain or shine. However, in the event of snow or ice storms, leaf collection will be temporarily suspended, as the trucks and crews will be redeployed to salt or plow City streets.

Some sections of the City are listed on two consecutive days. Leaves should be put out on the first day listed. Due to expected volume, these sections may take more than one day to complete. The full schedule can be viewed at [www.cityofbowie.org/leafsched](http://www.cityofbowie.org/leafsched).

### **Bowie's Sustainability Plan is Ready for Your Review**

Over the last several months the City of Bowie has worked to develop its first ever Sustainability Plan to guide the City toward a more sustainable future. Residents are invited to view the full plan at [www.cityofbowie.org/sustainplan](http://www.cityofbowie.org/sustainplan) and offer comments. Please share your comments with Kristin Larson, Sustainability Planner ([klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044) by October 28<sup>th</sup>. You may also use the online forum at [greenbowie.mysidewalk.com](http://greenbowie.mysidewalk.com) to discuss your thoughts on the plan with other stakeholders. A public hearing on the plan is tentatively scheduled for the November 7<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

### **\$20 Compost Bins for Sale at City Hall**

Start composting and purchase a \$20 discounted compost bin at City Hall. City residents may purchase up to two bins per household. Payment is by cash or check at the Finance window

during the City's business hours (Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and by check only at the reception desk during City Hall's night and Saturday hours (Monday - Thursday until 10 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.). The bins will also be available for sale at the Bowie Farmers' Market on October 23rd from 8 a.m. to noon. More bin information at [www.cityofbowie.org/compost](http://www.cityofbowie.org/compost).

## **Development Projects Update**

### Bowie Marketplace Apartments - Public Hearing

Bowie Marketplace celebrated its grand opening on October 6<sup>th</sup> and Harris Teeter, Chipotle, and Tropical Smoothie Café also opened recently, with many more openings to come!

In November, attention turns from the retail to the residential component of Bowie Marketplace. Developer Berman Enterprises has proposed to build a 288 unit, 4-5-story apartment building at the rear of the Center.

There will be a hearing before the Bowie Advisory Planning Board (BAPB) on the proposal on November 15. The BAPB consists of seven Bowie resident volunteers. They review development proposals and make recommendations to the City Council on whether or not to support a particular development request. They are an important part of the development review process for any proposal affecting Bowie and their recommendations are part of the input that Council receives prior to making development decisions.

The hearing will begin with a brief presentation by staff and the developer. Attendees will also have the opportunity to testify at the hearing. After the BAPB reviews the proposal and makes its recommendation to Council, the City Council will hold its own public hearing and then will vote on whether or not to approve the apartment building. The City Council public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 8 p.m.

Usually the vote of the City Council is not a binding one, since final development decisions are made at the County level. However, because of a prior development agreement, this is one of the rare instances where the City Council has the final decision-making authority on whether or not an apartment building is built on the site.

The BAPB Public Hearing will take place on November 15, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

### Thrive Assisted Living Facility at Melford

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, the Prince George's County Planning Board voted to approve a Detailed Site Plan for the 140-bed Thrive Assisted Living Facility in Melford Village. This is one of the final steps in the development review process for this project. Once a building permit is issued, it will take approximately 16 months to complete building construction.

### Amber Ridge

The City has been notified that a Conceptual Site Plan will be filed for a parcel of land near the intersection of Pointer Ridge Drive and US 301. The plan calls for 165-170 dwelling units and two to three commercial/retail pads on the site, which would be permitted under the current M-

X-T (Mixed Use -Transit Oriented Development) zoning. This is a very early step in the development review process. No hearings have been scheduled yet on the proposal.

## More Upcoming Events

**10/18 – Kids Kaboose at the Railroad Museum 10:30 a.m. to noon.** Kids ages 1 - 11 can enjoy railroad fun at the Railroad Museum. Free.

**10/21 - 11/19 H.M.S. Pinafore at the Bowie Playhouse.** For ticket information, visit [www.2ndstarproductions.com](http://www.2ndstarproductions.com) or call 410-757-5700 or 301-832-4819.

**10/22 – Electronics Recycling Day 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Public Works Yard**  
Recycle televisions, computers, cell phones, and many other types of electronics at our Electronics Recycling Day at the City of Bowie Public Works Yard, Saturday, October 22 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Public Works (16300 Annapolis Road) is located just off MD 450 between Sacred Heart Church and US 301. The complete list of accepted items can be found at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org). For a fee of \$10 cash per device, the contractor will destroy computer hard drives while you watch.

**10/22 – Prescription Drug Take Back Event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Police Department**  
Dispose of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs at our Prescription Drug Take Back Event on Saturday, October 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bowie Police Department. For more information or details about what can be accepted, call 240-544-5700.

**10/26 – Screening of New Documentary Film about Bowie** “*Tales From Belair and Bowie*” is a documentary film by Jeff Krulik, a Washington, DC-based director/producer, who has had screenings at the Museum of Modern Art, Lincoln Center, the American Film Institute, and on PBS. Two free showings will take place on Wednesday, October 26 at 6 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. at Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**10/29 – Halloween on Ice 1 - 3 p.m. at the Bowie Ice Arena.** Celebrate Halloween at the Ice Arena. Wear a costume or bring a canned good for free admission. Wear a costume AND bring a canned good for free skate rental too. There will be a costume contest, treat bags, and lots of skating fun for the whole family! For information, call the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090.

**10/29 – Weed Warrior Work Day 9 a.m. - noon at Whitemarsh Park** The City’s Green Team needs volunteers to help remove English ivy from Whitemarsh Park. As an invasive, non-native plant, English ivy spreads quickly and is very destructive to native ecosystems. This is an outdoor activity that requires cutting the ivy vines at eye-level and foot-level, then pulling them back about two feet from the base of the tree to bag them. To participate, please register with Kristin Larson at [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044. For more information: [www.cityofbowie.org/weedwarriors](http://www.cityofbowie.org/weedwarriors)

**10/30 – Octoberfest at the Bowie Farmers’ Market – Bowie High School parking lot.**

Market hours are 8 a.m. to noon. Starting at 10 a.m. there will be free scarecrow making (participants supply a long-sleeve shirt and trousers) and free pumpkin painting (pumpkins available for purchase). For more information, please contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

**10/31 – Halloween Trick or Treating.** Suggested hours for trick or treating are 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The Bowie Police Department reminds trick or treaters and their parents to watch out for cars, carry a flashlight, and check all treats carefully. If you are on the roads on Halloween, drive carefully and watch out for all types and sizes of costumed creatures.

**11/15 – Bowie Advisory Planning Board Public Hearing on Apartments at Bowie Marketplace** 7 p.m. at City Hall (see details above).