

# Bowie News Flash

**June 2017**

## **News**

### **Fox 5 Zip Trip Will Showcase Bowie on Friday, June 2**

Fox 5 News will broadcast its morning show live from Bowie Town Center on the morning of Friday, June 2 from 6 to 11 a.m. Throughout the morning, various Bowie organizations and businesses will be featured in different segments. Come out, enjoy the fun, meet some of their on-air personalities, and help us show the region why Bowie is such a great place to live, to work, or to visit!

### **Bowiefest is Saturday, June 3rd**

Celebrate Bowie at Bowiefest on Saturday, June 3 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Enjoy three stages of entertainment along with food, children's rides and over 250 vendors. Bowiefest is a long-standing tradition in the City bringing the best of Bowie's civic organizations, entertainers, and businesses to one place for a single day. Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/Bowiefest](http://www.cityofbowie.org/Bowiefest) to view the event program. Admission to Bowiefest is free. Park at Allen Pond Park or take the free shuttle from the Park and Ride lot on Northview Drive.

### **Statement on Death of Bowie State University Student Richard Collins**

The City Council offers condolences to the family and friends of Second Lieutenant Richard Collins, III. He was the Bowie State University student who was killed while visiting the University of Maryland in what is being investigated as an apparent hate crime. Lt. Collins was set to graduate this May and enter the US Army. His senseless death underscores the importance of embracing diversity and respecting the civil rights of all individuals. The Council encourages those who wish to honor his young life to contribute to a fund that has been set up in his memory at Bowie State University. Visit [www.bowiestate.edu](http://www.bowiestate.edu) for details.

### **County Hearing on Bowie Marketplace Apartments – June 8, 10 a.m.**

The Prince George's County Planning Board will review the Detailed Site Plan for the 225-unit, multi-family apartment project proposed at Bowie Marketplace on Thursday, June 8. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. at the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro.

### **Low-Cost Rabies Shots**

Cats, dogs, and ferrets must receive their first rabies vaccine by four months of age and they require regular booster shots every one to three years. There are many low-cost shot clinics held in our area with costs between \$5 and \$20. Prince George's County Animal

Services has shot clinics the first Thursday of every month from 12 to 2 p.m. and the Prince George's SPCA offers vaccination clinics on the first Sunday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m. View a list of these clinics at [www.cityofbowie.org/petshots](http://www.cityofbowie.org/petshots). Request a copy of the list by calling 301-809-3002 or emailing [slopez@cityofbowie.org](mailto:slopez@cityofbowie.org).

### **Fiber Art**

The City Hall Art Gallery is featuring an exhibit of textile and other fiber art from June 16 to September 17. It is free and open to the public during City Hall hours. Meet the artists at a reception on June 28, from 7 to 8 p.m.

### **National Pollinator Week is June 19 to 25**

Pollinators are an integral part of our ecosystem. According to the US Fish and Wildlife Service, more than 75% of our flowering plants and nearly 75% of our crops depend on pollinators. Celebrate National Pollinator Week by planting native plants and eliminating the use of pesticides. For more information, visit [www.pollinator.org](http://www.pollinator.org).

### **Register Your Rain Barrel**

The City tracks the numbers of rain barrels across the City for its Federal and State stormwater permits. Do you have a rain barrel (or two, three or more) installed at your house? If so, please let us know the number and volume of them by contacting City Watershed Manager, Tiffany Wright at 301-809-3043 or [twright@cityofbowie.org](mailto:twright@cityofbowie.org).

### **City Beautification Awards**

The City, in cooperation with Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton, is accepting nominations for the annual Beautification Awards. Anyone can nominate a home or townhouse, business, school, or specialty garden that reflects the beauty of Bowie. All nominations must be for locations within the corporate limits of Bowie. For more information or to obtain a nomination form, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/beautification](http://www.cityofbowie.org/beautification), or contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org). The nomination deadline is June 23, 2017.

### **Community Paper Shredding and Styrofoam Recycling Event**

The Public Works Department has scheduled a paper shredding and Styrofoam recycling event in the Bowie High School parking lot on Saturday, June 24, 2017, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Residents can bring up to five tall kitchen bags or five archive boxes for shredding. Documents may be observed while they are being shredded. Styrofoam must be free of any debris (glue or tape). For information, contact the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.

### **Skip the Mess, Secure Your Trash**

While not required, it is strongly recommended that refuse placed outdoors for collection be kept in a plastic or metal container with a secure locking lid. Trash placed out in plastic bags may attract wildlife in search of food, which can result in bags being ripped open and the contents scattered. If you must use a plastic bag, we suggest placing your

refuse at the curb the morning of collection, by 7a.m., rather than the night before, which will limit the time that wildlife might have access to it.

### **Space Available for New Producers**

TV studio space is available at the Kenhill Center for five-camera productions including the use of a teleprompter, green screen, and virtual sets. No experience required. Files are provided for YouTube and Bowie Cable TV (Comcast 77/Verizon 11). For information, email [studio@cityofbowie.org](mailto:studio@cityofbowie.org) with “new producer” in the subject line.

### **Need Help With Odd Jobs?**

The Youth Job Bank connects residents with local youth who are interested in earning extra money. Registered teens are available for babysitting, yardwork and other household tasks. Please call Youth Services at 301-809-3033 for more information. The resident and the teen determine the particulars of the job and the fees per hour. Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms](http://www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms) to download forms or call 301-809-3033 for assistance.

### **Visit the Bowie Farmers’ Market Sundays, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

The Bowie Farmers’ Market is open for the 2017 season. Market vendors offer fresh locally grown produce, fruit, cut flowers, plants, breads, pastries, jams, jellies and more. The market operates in the parking lot of the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts at Bowie High School, 15200 Annapolis Road on Sundays, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., through October 29, 2017. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

### **Register for Camp and Lessons at the Ice Arena**

The Ice Arena is currently closed for annual maintenance. It will reopen July 8, 2017 for summer skating, camps, and group lessons. For information and registration, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/icearena](http://www.cityofbowie.org/icearena) or call 301-809-3090.

### **Become a Mentor**

The Bowie Youth and Family Services Teen Mentoring Program is accepting Mentor applications for the 2017 - 2018 school year. For more information or to apply, please contact Community Coordinator Rhonda Simon at [mentor@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mentor@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3033.

### **Input Sought as Development Review Guidelines and Policies are Updated**

The Planning Department is currently updating the City’s Development Review Guidelines and Policies, which are intended to provide clear, understandable direction to citizens, developers and builders, government officials and other interested parties on what the City Council has stated about the desired character and physical development of the City. The text is a useful collection of development review considerations that aim to encourage and promote a carefully planned and sensitively designed community.

A draft of the updated Guidelines and Policies will be presented to City Councilmembers at their meeting on July 3, 2017 and then the Council will conduct a public hearing and

vote on the draft document at its August 7, 2017 meeting. The public is invited to attend these two meetings and to provide input on the draft plan. Comments may be made in person at the August 7 meeting or shared with Planning Department Director Joe Meinert via email at [jmeinert@cityofbowie.org](mailto:jmeinert@cityofbowie.org). To obtain a copy of the draft document, please contact the Planning Department at 301-809-3047, visit the office at City Hall or go to [www.cityofbowie.org/draftdevguide](http://www.cityofbowie.org/draftdevguide).

### **Grants Available to Improve Your Home's Energy Efficiency**

The City of Bowie is participating in two different programs to help residents improve the energy efficiency of their homes. Both programs have income eligibility requirements.

- **Senior Green Housing Grants**

The City of Bowie's Office of Grant Development and Administration is now accepting applications through July 31, 2017 for the Senior Citizen "Green" Housing Rehabilitation Program. The Senior Citizen Green Housing Rehabilitation Program is a federally funded grant program that provides financial assistance to single-family senior citizen homeowners with limited financial means. The purpose of the grant is to provide energy efficiency related upgrades and repairs to correct hazardous conditions, eliminate safety hazards, repair or replace major systems, correct interior and exterior deficiencies, eliminate lead based paint hazards, and perform modifications for persons with disabilities. For more information, please contact George Jones in the Office of Grant Development and Administration at 301-809-3051 or [gjones@cityofbowie.org](mailto:gjones@cityofbowie.org). View details about the application process and income limits at [www.cityofbowie.org/seniorrehabgrant](http://www.cityofbowie.org/seniorrehabgrant).

- **Energy Efficiency Home Improvement Program Available**

In collaboration with the Town of Bladensburg and other Prince George's County municipalities, the City of Bowie is offering grant funding to approximately 20 low to moderate income homeowners. The funds can be used to pay for improvements that reduce utility bills, such as adding insulation or repairing a furnace. If you are interested in this program, please contact the City's Sustainability Planner Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 or email [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org) to see if you meet eligibility requirements and to fill out an application. Don't wait to apply.

### **Walk Wednesdays**

Bowie Green Team's Food, Health and Wellness Subgroup is hosting weekly community walks on Wednesday evenings in June. It is a fun and social opportunity for Bowie residents to get together for light to moderate exercise and see some of the many beautiful local walking trails in the City. See the schedule of upcoming walks at [www.cityofbowie.org/walksched](http://www.cityofbowie.org/walksched).

### **Community Outreach Grants**

The City awards grant money to individuals, groups and/or organizations to assist in facilitating programs that benefit Bowie residents in a variety of ways. Grants of up to \$5,000 are awarded in the areas of social services, youth, senior citizens, and mental health. Individuals, groups or organizations who will provide a program or project that will benefit residents of the City of Bowie are eligible to apply. Grant applicants need not be City residents; however, whenever possible, the programs should be conducted within the city limits of Bowie. The complete application, including letters of recommendation, and all attachments, must be received no later than August 4, 2017 at 5 p.m. This program is a project of the City's Community Outreach Committee.

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

Purchase a \$20 discounted compost bin at City Hall and start composting. City residents may purchase up to two bins per household. Payment can be made by cash or check at the Finance window during the City's business hours (Monday to 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 to Thursday until 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon). Learn more about compost bins at [www.cityofbowie.org/compost](http://www.cityofbowie.org/compost).

### **Senior Express Classes**

This summer, the Senior Center is offering 50 free "express" classes. Topics include *Laughter Yoga, Social Security, the Windows 10 Operating System, Photography, the History of Belair at Bowie*, and much more! These short classes (1 – 1 ½ hours) can be fun and a great way to learn a new skill, meet some new people, or in some cases, to get some exercise. If you are at least 55 years old and have not joined the Senior Center yet, this could be just what you need to get started. Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter](http://www.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter) to view the full list of offerings.

### **Jobs**

The City of Bowie has the following job openings:

- Bus Driver (open)
- Business Operations Manager (closes 6/9)
- Concrete Worker – Streets Division (closes 6/16)
- Equipment Operator – Streets Division (closes 6/16)
- Police Officer - Entry Level & Lateral (open)
- Senior Code Compliance Officer (closes 6/9)
- Temporary Laborer (closes 6/9)

Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/jobs](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobs) for more information.

### **MAGLEV High Speed Train Briefing to City Council – Monday, July 10 at 8 p.m.**

High-speed train service of up to 300 miles per hour has been proposed for the DC/Washington corridor. Some of the routes under consideration would pass through or very near Bowie. Baltimore Washington MAGLEV Project Director David Henley will

attend the July 10 City Council meeting to brief Council and residents on the status of the project. The meeting begins at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The public is invited and encouraged to attend this important meeting about a project that could potentially affect the City of Bowie. The meeting will also be broadcast on the Bowie Government Channel (Verizon 10/Comcast 71) and on the City website. Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/maglev](http://www.cityofbowie.org/maglev) for links to more information about this project.

### **City Council Meeting Update**

Items of note at upcoming City Council meetings include the following:

- **June 5** – There will be an update provided on the Bowie Business Innovation Center, a report by the City’s lobbyists, and a discussion about proposed County legislation that would allow a medical cannabis dispensary as a permitted use in the Major Activity Center (M-A-C) zone. Bowie Town Center has this zoning designation and a company has already proposed the use at 4201 Northview Drive.
- **June 19** – The Bowie Indoor Sports Facility and a proposed change to the types of uses permitted in the “flex space” buildings at Melford are on the agenda for discussion and review.

For information on the development items, please contact the Planning Department at 301-809-3047. For details on the other items, please call the City Manager’s Office at 301-809-3030.

### **Events**

**6/2 - 7/1 – “Mary Poppins” (Disney Musical) at Bowie Playhouse** For tickets and information, visit [www.2ndstarproductions.com](http://www.2ndstarproductions.com) or call 301-832-4819.

**6/3 – Bowiefest** 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. For information about Bowiefest, and the full schedule, go to [www.cityofbowie.org/Bowiefest](http://www.cityofbowie.org/Bowiefest).

**6/4 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – 4TheRoad** 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. These family friendly concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information about summer concerts, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

**6/5 – City Council Meeting** 8 p.m. at City Hall.

**6/6 – Bowie Senior Center Celebrates 40 Years!** 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. All seniors are invited to the celebration featuring the *Guava Jelly Band*. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**6/7 – Walk Wednesday at Whitmarsh Park** 7 p.m. The group will park in the parking lot by the head of the trail and will plan to walk for approximately 40 minutes.

**6/7 – Kenhill Center Stormwater Retrofits Stakeholders Meeting** 7 p.m. at the **Kenhill Center**. The City will be constructing four stormwater retrofits at the Kenhill Center. They include three bioretention facilities adjacent to the athletic field and a rain garden with educational signage adjacent to the southern entrance at Kenhill Drive. At this meeting, the City's contractor will explain their designs and show photos of similar completed projects. There will also be an optional tour of the site. Residents will be able to make comments on the designs and ask questions about the proposed work. For more information contact Tiffany Wright at 301-809-3043 or [twright@cityofbowie.org](mailto:twright@cityofbowie.org).

**6/8 – County Planning Board Hearing on Bowie Marketplace Detailed Site Plan** 10 a.m. at the County Service Building in Upper Marlboro.

**6/10 – Saturday Concert Series – Graydog** 4 - 6 p.m., Town Green Park, 9<sup>th</sup> Street (MD Route 564), Old Town Bowie. Concert is canceled in case of inclement weather.

**6/11 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – U.S. Air Force Max Impact** 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. Concert is canceled in case of inclement weather.

**6/12 – SAGE Summer Classes Begin - Senior Center** For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**6/14 – We All Scream for Ice Cream** 1 - 3 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Make and sample ice cream. Free. Reservations required. For reservations and more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**6/14 – Walk Wednesday at the WB & A Trail** 7 p.m. (on Racetrack Rd near Kimberwick Drive). The group will meet in the parking area and will walk for about 40 minutes.

**6/17 – Saturday Concert Series – Off Track** 4 - 6 p.m., Town Green Park, 9<sup>th</sup> Street (MD Route 564), Old Town Bowie. Concerts are canceled in case of inclement weather.

**6/18 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series - The Baywinds Band** 7 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. Concert is canceled in case of inclement weather.

**6/19 – Summer Indoor Walking** 7:30 - 9 a.m. weekdays at the City Gym, beginning this week. For more information, please contact the City Gym at 301-809-2388.

**6/19 – City Council Meeting** 8 p.m. at City Hall.

**6/20 – Kids Kaboose** 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun and games for youngsters ages 1 - 10. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**6/21 – Walk Wednesday at the Governor Bridge Trail** 7 p.m. (7600 Governor Bridge Rd). The group will meet by the sign in the parking area before proceeding onto the trails. The walk will take 30 - 40 minutes at this location.

**6/24 – Paper Shredding and Styrofoam Recycling** 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Bowie High School parking lot. For information, contact the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.

**6/24 – National Capital Radio & Television Museum Open House** 3 - 5 p.m. at Radio and Television Museum, 2608 Mitchellville Road. Free. For more information, please email [kwhitehair@ncrtv.org](mailto:kwhitehair@ncrtv.org) or call 301-390-1020.

**6/24 – Saturday Concert Series – Days of Vinyl** 4 - 6 p.m., Town Green Park, 9<sup>th</sup> Street (MD Route 564), Old Town Bowie. Concert is canceled in case of inclement weather.

**6/25 – June Jam Skateboard Competition** at Allen Pond Park 12 to 6 p.m. All ages, all abilities can compete. Prizes of up to \$1,000 will be awarded. Free to spectators. Competitors must pay \$10 for Beginner and Intermediate Skaters and \$20 for Advanced Skaters.

**6/25 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – The Young Senators Reloaded** 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. The concert is canceled in case of inclement weather.

**6/27 – Time Travellers - Drop-In – Games From the Past** 12 - 3 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**6/28 – Walk Wednesday at Acorn Hill Park/Whitemarsh Park** 7 p.m. (3209 Stonybrook Drive) - The group will meet at Acorn Hill Park and then walk up Stonybrook Drive to the entrance to the Whitemarsh Park trail. They will walk for about 40 minutes.

**6/29 – Stable Stories for Little People** 1:30 - 3 p.m. at Belair Stable. Ages 3 - 7. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**6/30 – Deadline for Public Comment on Draft Updated Development Review Guidelines & Policies.** The updated document will be presented to City Council at its July 3, 2017 meeting.

**7/1 – Saturday Concert Series – *Alan King*** 4 - 6 p.m., Town Green Park, 9<sup>th</sup> Street (MD Route 564), Old Town Bowie. Concerts is canceled in case of inclement weather.

**7/2 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *Big Band Theory of Baltimore*** 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. The concert is canceled in case of inclement weather.