

Bowie News Flash

July 2018

News

In Remembrance of John McNamara

We were deeply saddened by the news last night that *Bowie Blade-News* Editor John McNamara was one of those gunned down yesterday at the offices of the *Annapolis Capital Gazette/Bowie Blade-News*. John was the sole reporter/editor for the paper for the last several years and despite budget and staffing cuts, did an excellent job covering City Hall and the Bowie community. The City flag is at half-staff in remembrance of this caring man who worked so hard to tell the stories of Bowie.

(See the City's full statement about John McNamara at www.cityofbowie.org.)

Bowie's Independence Day Celebration – July 2

The City of Bowie will host a free concert and fireworks display to celebrate our nation's birthday on **Monday, July 2 at Prince George's Stadium**. The concert, by legendary band *The Fabulous Hubcaps*, begins at **7:30 p.m.** and the fireworks are expected to shoot off at around **9:15 p.m.** The fireworks show will include an exciting array of pyrotechnics that will be visible beyond the stadium.

The *Fabulous Hubcaps* have been together for over 40 years. They play cover music from many famous singers and bands of yesteryear, while dressing in outfits that the original performers would have worn. Attendees can expect songs by *Tom Jones, Billy Joel, The Drifters, Benny Goodman, Cher, The Platters, Elvis, Buddy Holly, Tina Turner, Frank Sinatra, Little Richard, the Beach Boys* and more during the performance.

Prince George's Stadium is located at 4101 Crain Highway in Bowie. The parking lot opens at 5 p.m. and doors open at 6 p.m. Food and drink will be available for purchase at the stadium. No alcohol may be consumed in the parking lot. For more information, call the City's Special Events Division at **301-809-3078**.

The Bowie Police ask for your patience after the fireworks display. It will take some time to get everyone out of the stadium parking lot and surrounding areas. Expect traffic delays on surrounding roads.

Independence Day Holiday – Wednesday, July 4

Wednesday, July 4 is a City holiday. City offices are closed. There is no refuse or recycling collection on this day. Collection will resume on the next regularly scheduled pickup day.

City's FY 2019 Adopted Budget Effective July 1

At its meeting on **May 21, 2018**, the City Council adopted the FY 2019 City Budget and Capital Improvements Program. The Adopted FY 2019 General Fund Budget is \$57.7 million, an increase of 3.8% above the FY 2018 Budget. FY 2019 General Fund Revenue is projected at \$50.9 million plus \$6.8 million of the Fund Balance will be used to cover FY 2019 General Fund Expenditures. The FY 2019 property tax revenue is projected at \$30.5 Million, a 4.2% growth in the City's tax revenues. The City's tax base increased by 4.1%. For more information, the detailed budget is available at www.cityofbowie.org/budget.

City Council Meetings to Note

- **July 2** - Regular City Council Meeting **canceled**
- **July 9** - Regular City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. – Topics: Community Housing Initiative & Briefing on Race Track Road Improvement Project
- **August 6** - Regular City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. – Topic: City Transportation Priority List

For information, contact the City Clerk at 301-809-3019 or ahernandez@cityofbowie.org.

Bowie Ice Arena Re-opens for Summer Skating July 8

Bowie Ice Arena will re-open for summer skating on July 8. Register now for summer camps and learn-to-skate lessons; space is limited. Lessons are available for children as young as 18 months of age through adults, at all levels. Half-day camps are open for children from 3 - 6 years of age and full-day camps are available for ages 6 years and older. A monthly calendar of sessions is available at www.cityofbowie.org/icearena.

Skate in the Shade Days at the Bowie Ice Arena

Bowie Ice Arena and the SHADE Foundation have teamed up to give your skin a break this summer. Admission and skate rentals are free during these four special sessions:

- July 10, 1 - 2 p.m.
- July 12, 1 - 2 p.m.
- July 30, 12 - 1:30 p.m.
- July 31, 12 - 1:30 p.m.

And remember...the sun's harmful rays are at their peak between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Learn more about skin cancer prevention at www.shadefoundation.org.

Mosquito Control

The City of Bowie, in partnership with the Maryland Department of Agriculture, has an aggressive mosquito surveillance and spraying program in City neighborhoods. When necessary, spraying is done in the late evenings/early mornings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (June to September.) You can also do your part to control the mosquito population and prevent the spread of West Nile virus by eliminating mosquito breeding areas on your property where water collects, such as trash cans, buckets, and wheelbarrows, and by changing water in kiddie pools, bird baths, and outdoor pet water bowls regularly. For more information about mosquito prevention, visit www.cityofbowie.org/mosquitoes.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) will host a workshop on **July 10** in Annapolis about controlling the Asian Tiger Mosquito, which MDA considers to be the number one pest species in much of Maryland. Contact Stormy Keyes at MDA for details (stormy.keyes@maryland.gov).

Register Now for City Gym Summer Basketball Camp!

The City Gym will host a summer basketball camp **July 16 - 20**, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., for boys and girls ages 8 - 14. **Sign up now!** The cost is \$210 for Bowie residents and \$225 for nonresidents. For information, contact Mike Lonergan at mlonergan@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-2383 or visit www.cityofbowie.org/gym.

What's Bouncing at the City Gym?

- Morning Walking - 7:30 - 9 a.m.
- Basketball Open Gym - Weekdays, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Coed Recreational Volleyball – Fridays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Pickleball – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Information: 301-809-2388

Lawn Mower Rebate

City residents who purchase a new mulching, electric, or manual reel mower are eligible to receive a \$50 rebate from the City of Bowie. To obtain your cash rebate, bring proof of City residency and the receipt for a mulching, electric, or manual reel mower to the Finance Department at City Hall. If the receipt does not specify that the mower is one of these three types, please also bring a manual or other documentation for the mower. More information: www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie.

\$20 Compost Bins Available at City Hall

Purchase a \$20 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 thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.) and by check only at the reception desk during City Hall's night and Saturday hours (Monday thru Thursday until 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. - noon). Learn more about compost bins at www.cityofbowie.org/compost.

Don't Leave a Pet Alone in a Parked Car

It doesn't take long for the temperature inside a vehicle to rise and become hazardous to your pet's health. Even on cloud-covered days, or when temperatures are in the 70s, the heat generated inside a parked vehicle can be deadly. Lowering a window is not a solution. Leave your pet at home.

Signs of heat distress include heavy panting, glazed over eyes, rapid pulse, vomiting, or a deep red or purple colored tongue. If you see an animal in a hot car exhibiting these signs, call Bowie Animal Control or 911. You may also report the vehicle's tag number to the nearest store or business and request an emergency announcement be made. For more information, please contact Bowie Animal Control at **301-809-3002** or visit www.CityofBowie.org/AnimalControl.

Bowie Youth and Family Services

We offer counseling for all families in the City who have children in the home who are high school age or younger. Other services include outreach activities and a mentoring program for students at Bowie High School. Our staff members are licensed clinicians who each hold a graduate degree in a mental health specialty and who have years of training and experience in treating children, teens and their families. For more information, please call 301-809-3033.

Need Extra Help This Summer?

Bowie Youth & Family Services sponsors a Teen Job Bank that connects residents who need help with Bowie youth who are looking for opportunities for making extra money, on either an occasional or a regular basis. Residents may use this service to find teens that can help with lawn mowing, babysitting, tutoring, shopping or other chores. You and the teen determine the particulars of the job and the fees per hour. To hire a teen or sign up to work, complete the appropriate application found at www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms or call 301-809-3033.

Mentor a Teen

Bowie Youth & Family Services is now recruiting adult volunteer mentors to provide care and commitment to a Bowie High School student who may be struggling to make a successful transition into the high school environment. Mentors act as a friend, advisor and a listening heart. Make a difference in the life of an incoming freshman by assisting them in their transition to a successful academic experience.

Volunteers spend an hour a week building relationships and making a positive difference in the lives of the students and their families. If you would like to join this dynamic team of volunteers and make a difference in your community, contact Bowie Youth & Family Services at 301-809-3033 or mentor@cityofbowie.org.

Northridge Street Repairs

The City of Bowie has contracted with Priority Construction Corporation to rebuild the brick pavers at two intersections on Quiet Owl Lane. The work at the intersection of Quarterhorse Drive and Quiet Owl Lane will require a partial road closure and construction at the intersection of Quiet Owl Lane and Quill Point will require a full road closure.

Construction began in June and all work will take place Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be some inconvenience because of the closures, but public street access to all properties and driveways will remain available during the construction period. The project is expected to be completed by **July 28, 2018**. Please contact Project Manager Alan Forney, at 240-544-5688, if you have questions.

Farmers' Market

Join us for the Bowie Farmers' Market each **Sunday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.** through October 28. 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. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org. Also be sure to visit the Bowie Farmers' Market page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BowieFarmersMarket.

Sunday Sunset Concerts

Concerts are held every Sunday through Labor Day weekend, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. They are canceled in inclement weather. For information: www.cityofbowie.org/concerts, mcorley@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3078.

New City Hall Exhibit - *Color Blind*

The City Hall Art Gallery exhibit runs through September 15. It is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are City Hall hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Jobs

The City of Bowie is seeking applicants for the following positions:

- **Permits/Stormwater Management Inspection Specialist - Part Time** (closes 6/29/18)
- **Solid Waste Collector** (closes 6/29/18)
- **Chief Vehicle Maintenance Technician** (closes 7/6/18)
- **Street Maintenance Worker** (closes 7/6/18)
- **Temporary Laborer - Parks & Grounds - Part Time** (closes 7/6/18)
- **Park Aide** (closes 7/6/18)
- **Senior Code Compliance Officer** (closes 7/13/18)
- **Building Maintenance Worker I - Part time/Temporary** (open until filled)
- **Bus Driver - Part Time** (open until filled)

- **Police Officers** - Entry level & Lateral (open until filled)
- **Ice Arena Attendant** - (open until filled)

For more information or to apply, visit www.cityofbowie.org/jobs.

Events

7/1 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *The Electric Company (80s Music)* 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. These concerts offer relaxing entertainment for the entire family. All concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For information: www.cityofbowie.org/concerts, mcorley@cityofbowie.org, or 301-809-3078.

7/2 – Bowie Independence Day Celebration 7:30 p.m. at Prince George’s Stadium (home of the Baysox). The City will host a free concert and fireworks display to celebrate Independence Day. The concert, by legendary band *The Fabulous Hubcaps*, begins at **7:30 p.m.** and the fireworks are expected to shoot off at around **9:15 p.m.** The fireworks show will include an exciting array of pyrotechnics that will be visible beyond the stadium. For more information, call the City’s Special Events Division at **301-809-3078**.

7/3 – Nature Walk 9 a.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

7/3 – Patriotic Labyrinth Walk 10 a.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

7/5 – Fairy Tale Fun 10 - 11 a.m. at Belair Mansion. Stories, craft and refreshments for ages 2 - 5, with adult. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

7/8 – Community Day at the Bowie Farmers’ Market 9 a.m. - noon in the parking lot at Bowie High School. Visit with the Bowie Police, the Volunteer Fire Department, and others at the market and enjoy a snow cone on us! (Market hours are 8 a.m. to noon.)

7/8 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *David Bach (Jazz)* 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. Free. For information: www.cityofbowie.org/concerts, mcorley@cityofbowie.org, or 301-809-3078.

7/9 – City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall. Topic: Community Housing Initiative.

7/10 – Free Skate in the Shade Day 1 - 2 p.m. at Bowie Ice Arena. Admission and skate rental are free for this special session. Call 301-809-3090 for information.

7/11 – Colonial Skills Day 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Drop in. Kids 4 - 11, with adult. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

7/12 – Free Skate in the Shade Day 1 - 2 p.m. at Bowie Ice Arena. Admission and skate rental are free for this special session. Call 301-809-3090 for information.

7/12 – Windows 10 Seminar 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

7/13 - 7/29 – Becky’s New Car at Bowie Playhouse For tickets and information, www.bctheatre.com or 301-805-0219.

7/14 – Blast From the Past On the Grass 7 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Retro music from the 50s to the 80s. Bring a chair and enjoy! Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

7/15 – Games People Played 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Cool off with table games from the past. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

7/15 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – Big Band Theory of Baltimore (Big Band) 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. Free. For information: www.cityofbowie.org/concerts, mcorley@cityofbowie.org, or 301-809-3078.

7/16 – In Fashion – Ladies’ Wear in the 18th Century – Brown Bag Lunch Lecture 12 - 1 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Bring your lunch. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

7/17 – Kids Kaboose 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun and games for youngsters ages 1 - 11. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

7/22 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – Rise Band & Show (Motown/R&B) 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. Free. For information: www.cityofbowie.org/concerts, mcorley@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3078.

7/18 – Colonial Games for Kids 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Roll hoops, smack the trap ball, or cool off inside with checkers or Parcheesi and more. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

7/19 – Surfing the Web Seminar 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

7/26 – Men’s Health Presentation 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

7/29 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *The Back Pages Band (60s Music)* 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. Free. For information: www.cityofbowie.org/concerts, mcorley@cityofbowie.org, or 301-809-3078.

7/30 – Free Skate in the Shade Day 12 - 1:30 p.m. at Bowie Ice Arena. Admission and skate rental are free for this special session. Call 301-809-3090 for information.

7/31 – Free Skate in the Shade Day 12 - 1:30 p.m. at Bowie Ice Arena. Admission and skate rental are free for this special session. Call 301-809-3090 for information.

8/7 – National Night Out Against Crime 6 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Join the Bowie Police Department, community organizations, and area businesses to learn about crime prevention and public safety awareness. It’s a fun and educational event for the whole family. Contact the Bowie Police Department at 240-544-5700 or cops@cityofbowie.org for more information. Free.