

Bowie Spotlight

The Official Newsletter of the City of Bowie

July - August 2006

Bowie Celebrates America July 4th at Allen Pond Park!

Independence Day Schedule of Events

4:30 p.m.	The Reagan Years ... 80's Cover Band
6 p.m.	Bowie High School Poms
6:30 p.m.	The Reagan Years
7:45 p.m.	Welcome ... Mayor G. Frederick Robinson
8 p.m.	The Reagan Years
9 p.m.	Introduction of Elected Officials Flag Ceremony ... Bowie Memorial Post 8065 VFW National Anthem ... Tiffany Brown
9:15 p.m.	FIREWORKS

It's time to wave the flag, don our red, white, and blue, and celebrate our Nation's independence. The City of Bowie invites you to join your neighbors at Allen Pond Park, located at 3330 Northview Drive, on Tuesday, July 4, 2006 to celebrate America!

Food, drinks and novelties will be on sale throughout the Park beginning at 3 p.m. At 4:30 p.m., entertainment kicks off at the Robert V. Setera Amphitheater. Don't miss the fireworks at dark (approximately 9:15 p.m.). Excellent viewing locations and concessions can be found at both the Northview Drive and Mitchellville Road sides of the Park.

Grills are permitted only in designated areas, and pets will not be permitted in Allen Pond Park after 12 noon on July 4th. The rain date for fireworks only is Wednesday, July 5th.

*For more information, call 301-262-6200.
See page 8 for traffic and parking information.*

Verizon Fiber Optic Update

Over the next 6-12 months, Verizon will be upgrading its service facilities in the northern sections of the City. The upgrades will allow residents to take advantage of advanced services such as high speed broadband products, more reliable phone service and eventually video programming, which will mean competition to Comcast Cable.

This is an enormous undertaking and will involve every property in Bowie. Verizon contractors will be digging trenches approximately every 15-20 feet in the public rights-of-way and installing a new fiber optic system. Prior to beginning work, residents should receive a door hanger announcing the fact that Verizon will be doing work in the area. The City will also post a list of streets and the expected date for work to begin in those areas on its website, www.cityofbowie.org.

Questions regarding the construction or restoration should be directed to Verizon's contractor, Cable Com at either 301-595-4704 or 1-800-322-6852.

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For alternative versions of the newsletter, please contact the City's Public Information Office.

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Bowie Youth & Family Services 2006 Summer Lecture Series

Parents, Bowie Youth & Family Services is pleased to announce its upcoming summer lecture series. All lectures will be held from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the Youth & Family Services offices at City Hall. Reservations are required.

"Staying Connected to Your Child" – Tuesday, July 18

Ideas and skill building to help parents open two-way communication with their preteen and teen. Discussion on what kids are thinking, what they need, what works and what doesn't.

"Teens/Preteens and Inhalants" – Thursday, July 20

Information for parents on the dangers found in everyday products used as inhalants and how to recognize the signs of substance abuse by teens and preteens.

"Parenting Toddlers" – Tuesday, August 15

Key concepts from play therapy will be introduced that enhance the parent-child connection. 1,2,3 Magic – a proven formula to aid in effective parenting – will be presented.

"Transitioning to Middle School" – Thursday, August 17

Parents, learn ways to help increase your child's chances for success. Panel discussion will present experience-based information, resources and tools for this special time in your child's life.

For information regarding these upcoming activities and to register, please contact Bowie Youth & Family Services at 301-809-3033.

TV Crew Volunteers Needed

Students and adults can volunteer to serve on cable TV crews. No experience is required. Students must be at least 13 years old and have parental permission. Volunteering in the studio is a great opportunity to meet producers in your area and build working relationships.

If you would like to volunteer your free time to work in cable TV, please contact Jim Travland at 301-809-3057 or studio@cityofbowie.org.

Please note: Student volunteers can receive community service hours for high school graduation.

Code Corner

Summer is here and the grass is growing. One of the most frequent complaints the Code Compliance Office receives during the warm months is in regards to tall grass. Please remember that it is the property owner's responsibility to keep the grass cut to 8 inches or less. The City has the authority to have the grass cut on properties where a violation occurs. The cost is then billed to the property owner. In all cases, the cost of having the City contract out the work will **FAR EXCEED** what you could have arranged with a lawn care company if you plan in advance. Please be a good neighbor and maintain your yard.

Code Change!

A change has been made in the City Code to allow an increased size of storage sheds. On lots of less than 20,000 feet, the maximum size has been increased to 200 square feet. The size of storage sheds on larger lots is subject to County zoning limits. Please remember that ALL storage sheds over 200 square feet in size require both a County and a City permit **BEFORE** construction begins. Also any property with more than one shed, regardless of size, also requires a permit. Garage style roll-up doors are also now permitted on storage sheds.

For more information, please contact the City's Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008.

Beautification Awards

In early July, staff and two nationally accredited members of the Landscape Design Critics Council of the National Capitol Area Federation of Garden Clubs, plan to conduct yard judging of all 2006 Beautification Award entrants.

The City will host a Beautification Awards Program Ceremony on **September 28, 2006** at the Bowie Senior Center. A slide presentation and refreshments will begin at 7 p.m. and the awards presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m.

For additional information, please contact Matt Reno at 301-809-3076 or mreno@cityofbowie.org.

Leaving Your Pet In A Parked Car Can Be A Deadly Mistake

On a warm day, the temperature in a parked car can reach 160 degrees in a matter of minutes, even with partially opened windows. With only hot air to breathe, your pet can quickly suffer brain damage or die from heatstroke.

Signs of heat stress include heavy panting, glazed eyes, rapid pulse, dizziness, vomiting, deep red to purple tongue.

If your pet gets overheated, you must lower its body temperature immediately!

Get him/her into shade and apply cool (not cold) water all over his/her body.

Apply ice packs or cold towels only to the head, neck and chest.

Let him/her drink small amounts of cool water, or lick ice cubes.

Get your pet to a veterinarian right away - it could save his/her life.

On hot days, your pet is safer at home!

For more information, please contact the City's Animal Control Office at 301-809-3002.



Young Persons Art Gallery



This gallery at City Hall features the artwork of school-aged children. The featured artists are:

July
Poster Contest Winners

August
Individual Youth Artists

Art Notes

City Hall Art Galleries The Arts Committee is pleased to provide local artists with an opportunity to display and sell their artwork in the City Hall Galleries. The galleries are open weekdays, 8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. These art spaces include works in a variety of media. The City does not charge the artist a fee or commission to display the artwork. All work exhibited is subject to the approval of the Arts Committee, for appropriateness for display in a public facility. The Galleries include:

Young Person's Gallery Located in the entrance foyer of City Hall, this gallery rotates monthly. It features artwork of students attending schools located in Bowie during the school year, winning posters from the Arts Committee Poster Contest in July, and individual young artists work during the month of August.

Visions of Bowie Gallery Artwork showing various artists' perspectives of Bowie is displayed in this new gallery, located in the Multipurpose Room. The exhibit in this gallery is changed every six months.

Hall Gallery Located along the main hallways of City Hall, this gallery is for adult artists in the Bowie community. Exhibits include the work of one artist or group of artists displaying their artwork for a one-month period of time.

Conference Room Gallery This Gallery exhibits the work of local artists in three conference rooms. Each room contains the work of several artists, exhibiting their artwork for six months to one year.

If you are an artist who lives in the City, in a community with a Bowie zip code, or are a member of a Bowie based art group and would like information about showing your work in our galleries, contact Leni Stern at 301-809-3068 or lstern@cityofbowie.org.

Join the Fun of the Bowie International Festival!

Join your friends and neighbors for fun and excitement, and a sampling of world travel, in just one day, at the Bowie International Festival on **October 7, 2006**, from 11 am. to 5 p.m.! Tastes and treasures from around the world will be offered, with a variety of entertainment, children's activities, demonstrations, foods, arts and crafts. A Parade of Cultures will showcase clothing representative of a variety of countries.

Vendors Needed Be a part of this wonderful Festival. Local vendors selling food, arts or crafts representative of another country or culture are welcome; please see the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org (under Leisure Activities/Special Events) for a vendor application.

Children's Activities The Committee is working on plans for a number of children's activities and would like to offer the opportunity to local Scout groups or other service organizations to assist with the development of ideas and implementation of children's crafts and activities at the festival. In addition, volunteers to work with various activities are needed.

Parade of Cultures A new addition this year, the Cultural Parade will showcase regalia and wardrobe from various cultures and countries. Do you have a native costume from a country of your family's heritage? Viewers will enjoy learning about clothing from around the world. As friends and neighbors parade across the stage in native attire, viewers will hear about the clothing on display and the history of holidays, ceremonies, or activities the attire represents. If you are interested in wearing clothing representative of another culture or part of the world in the Parade of Cultures, please contact the International Festival Committee at scarpenter@cityofbowie.org, lstern@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3011.

Sponsor a Children's Activity The International Festival Committee is seeking businesses, groups, organizations or others to sponsor entertainment groups or children's activities at the Festival. A sponsorship means that in exchange for a financial contribution, your name will be included in information about the Festival, such as press releases, and on signs at the activity being sponsored.

For more information, please contact the International Festival Committee staff liaisons at scarpenter@cityofbowie.org or lstern@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3011.

City Scholarships Awarded

The City awards scholarships for Arts and Education to graduating high school students who are residents of Bowie.

Erin Birch was selected as this year's Arts Scholarship recipient. She received \$1,000 toward her study of Music Education at Liberty College.

Excellence in Education Scholarships were awarded to: **Ricardo Rivera**, awarded \$2,000, will attend the University of Chicago majoring in Anthropology. **Alexander Campbell**, awarded \$1,500, will study Political Science and Government at the University of Maryland, College Park. **Christine Petzold**, awarded \$1,500, will study Biochemistry at Case Western Reserve University.

In addition, **Jeremy Seppi** was recognized for his academic accomplishments. He received a full scholarship from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, to study Mechanical Engineering.

A reception was held in honor of these students, with a presentation made at a City Council meeting on May 15, 2006. Congratulations to this year's scholarship winners!

If you would like to know more about the City's scholarship programs, please contact Leni Stern, liaison to the Arts and Education Committees, at 301-809-3068 or lstern@cityofbowie.org.

Teachers of the Month

This program was developed several years ago as a way to recognize the wonderful teachers educating Bowie students. This program gives City residents, parents, students, teachers and other school staff, the opportunity to say "Thank You" to a special teacher. Teachers selected are recognized by the City Council and are presented with a certificate, a savings bond and a special lunch with their principal. Thanks to the Washington Savings Bank for providing funds for the savings bonds since the program's beginning in 1999, and to Main Street Catering for providing the lunches!

Nominations are accepted at any time. Information is available at public, private and parochial schools in Bowie, on the City's website www.cityofbowie.org (select Committees, then Education Committee), or at City Hall. For more information, contact Education Committee Liaison Leni Stern at 301-809-3068 or lstern@cityofbowie.org.



Katrina Lawrence

Katrina Lawrence of Benjamin Tasker Middle School Selected as May Teacher of the Month. Ms. Lawrence teaches math and "has a love of learning and a passion to see her students succeed." Her nomination, sent in by parents Sharon and Jerry Johnson, indicates that she has a way of exciting students about learning. Special needs students are given special attention and the opportunity to gain confidence in her classroom. "Ms. Lawrence is tough and demanding, but loving and fair." "She encourages students to do their best, stresses the importance of getting a good education and the importance of the need to follow the rules." She provides extra tutoring and additional

resources as needed.

Ms. Coley, Principal at Benjamin Tasker, refers to Ms. Lawrence as an "outstanding educator." "Her classroom management skills and instructional best practices make her classes exceptional." She further says that "she has been an asset to our school."

Irma Cullins of Rockledge Elementary School Selected as June Teacher of the

Month. First grade teacher Irma Cullins "is a remarkable teacher," according to the parents who nominated her, Cynthia Farmer and Amy Evans, "Her compassionate nature, clear expectations, and her dedication to learning make her the wonderful educator she is." "She uses her sunny disposition to draw all students into her world of learning." Students in her class discover that each and every one of them is a "competent, capable learner."

Ms. Cullins gets to know her students, "sets clear expectations, and works very hard to

be sure their individual needs are met." She effectively uses strategies from her years as a special educator to assist with students who "learn differently" or "need extra support."

Principal Pam Landry refers to Ms. Cullins as a very kind and thoughtful teacher. "She goes above and beyond to plan lessons that meet her students' needs, both academic and emotional." She makes learning comfortable, purposeful and fun. Her first grade students love her, parents hold her in high esteem, and colleagues seek her advice. She is number one in our hearts and minds!"



Irma Cullins

Education Committee Grants Available

The Education Committee has again been allocated funds in the City budget for the purpose of awarding grants to schools, teachers, PTAs/PTOs, parents or others who have developed projects that can be provided to students in a school within the City. These grants are designed to enhance the curriculum and/or provide enrichment to the student learning process. Grants range in size from \$100 to \$1,000, with a total of up to \$15,000 available to be awarded. The application deadline is Friday, **October 13, 2006**.

Eligible schools include: Bowie and Tall Oaks High Schools; Benjamin Tasker and Samuel Ogle Middle Schools; St. Pius X, Grace Christian, Cornerstone Christian Academy, and Holy Trinity (lower campus); Heather Hills, High Bridge, Kenilworth, Pointer Ridge, Rockledge, Tulip Grove, Whitehall and Yorktown Elementary Schools; Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center and C. Elizabeth Rieg Special Center.

Grant applications are available at local schools or on the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org. For more information, please contact Education Committee liaison Leni Stern at lstern@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3068.

Parent Tips from the Education Committee

According to the National PTA, there are many ways to be involved in your child's education. A few suggestions from "100 Ways to Know More, Do More" include:

Discuss your child's school day and homework daily.

Know your child's academic strengths and weaknesses.

Provide a quiet, well-lighted place with basic school supplies for studying and homework.

Help your children break down big homework projects into smaller, more manageable pieces.

Develop a consistent daily routine and time for studying and homework.

Provide encouragement and praise for your child's efforts.

For more information, please see the National PTA website at www.pts.org/parent-involvement/adCouncil/brochure.

Community Food Drive at the Sunday Sunset Concerts!

Donations to the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund may be made through the Community Outreach Committee (COC) at Sunday Summer Concerts this summer at Allen Pond Park. Committee members will have buckets labeled for the collection of nonperishable food at each of the concerts. As you grab your chairs and blanket and head for the park on Sunday evenings please think of neighbors who may be struggling through difficult times and bring an item or two to drop in the blue buckets provided at each concert.

Please make donations to the Food Pantry regularly to help maintain the stock on its shelves. The Pantry is located at the Christian Community Presbyterian Church at 3120 Belair Drive. Hours are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 11 am. Also, there is a collection container by the reception desk at Bowie City Hall, and a collection basket in the lobby of the Senior Center where you may drop nonperishable food items.

For more information, contact the Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund at 301-262-6765 or BowieFoodPantry@gmail.com. For more information about the COC and their efforts, please contact Committee liaison Leni Stern at 301-809-3068 or lstern@cityofbowie.org.

4th of July Traffic Information

PARKING

Beginning at 8 a.m., **no parking** will be allowed on the Enfield Chase side of Northview Drive from Health Center Drive to Mitchellville Road.

Vehicle parking is also prohibited on the north side of Excalibur Road.

Parking is allowed on the Health Center/City Gymnasium side of Northview Drive and also on the south side of Excalibur Road between Mitchellville Road and Route 301, but not within 15 feet of any fire hydrant or within 30 feet of any intersecting street.

Parking inside Allen Pond Park is restricted to handicapped, approved vendors, emergency vehicles and VIP parking.

“EXIT TRAFFIC PLAN” WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM 9:30 P.M. UNTIL 11 P.M.

From 9:30 p.m. - 11 p.m., Northview Drive will be two lanes out to Route 197 and one lane toward Mitchellville Road.

When exiting Allen Pond Park, all traffic must turn right onto Northview Drive toward Mitchellville Road.

Traffic exiting Nottingham Drive must turn left onto Northview Drive toward Route 197. Traffic on Nottingham Drive is two-way. Traffic exiting Nottingham Drive onto Mt. Oak Road may turn right or left onto Mt. Oak Road.

Traffic exiting Mt. Oak Road onto Mitchellville Road must turn right.

When exiting from Allen Pond Park onto Mitchellville Road, all traffic must turn right onto Mitchellville Road toward 301 and then must turn south on Route 301.

Vehicles traveling south on Mitchellville Road toward Route 301 may not turn left onto Mt. Oak Road.

All traffic leaving the Mitchellville Road ballfield site must turn right onto Mitchellville Road toward Route 197.

Traffic on Mitchellville Road traveling toward Route 197 may turn right on Excalibur Road to reach Route 301.

Traffic northbound on Route 197 **will not** be allowed to turn left onto Northview Drive. Only traffic traveling southbound on Route 197 (toward Route 301) will be allowed to turn right onto Northview Drive.

**Please obey the direction of Prince George’s County Police officers for changes to this plan.
Parking is available at the Mitchellville Road soccer fields.**

The Skate Park Is Coming!

The City’s contractor is diligently working on the construction of the 10,000 square foot concrete Skate Park at Allen Pond Park. The facility will boast a 4 - 9 foot deep bowl for experienced skaters and an extensive street course with multiple skating elements, including grind rails, ledges, hips, bank ramps, euro-gaps, quarter-pipes, as well as a unique “bobsled” run that connects the upper deck of the bowl to the street course. The facility will be open for both skateboard and in-line skating. Construction completion is expected in late July or early August. Project updates can be found on the City website www.cityofbowie.org, under Leisure Activities, City Parks, Skate Park.

All facility users are required to possess a Skate Park User Identification Card while using the facility. I.D. cards will be issued to individuals who have registered with the City and signed a participant agreement. The cost for registering is \$10. If the participant is a minor and his or her parent is not present at the time the participant agreement is signed and submitted, the participant agreement must be notarized. Participant agreements may be found on the City’s website or obtained at one of the registration locations listed below.

Skate Park Registration Locations: **City Gymnasium**, 4100 Northview Drive, 301-809-2388. Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. **Bowie City Hall**, 2614 Kenhill Drive, 301-809-3011. Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

For additional information, please contact Matt Reno, Park Operations Supervisor, at 301-809-3076 or mreno@cityofbowie.org

Allen Pond Boathouse Open For Season

Come visit us for a boat rental. We are open for the July 4th Celebration!

The Allen Pond Boathouse is open Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday from July 1 - September 4.. It is open on weekends from September 9 - October 8. **Hours of operation are 11 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

Canoes and paddleboats are available for rent. Rental rates are as follows:

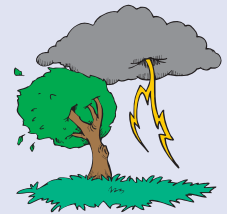
	<u>Bowie Resident</u>	<u>Nonresident</u>
Canoe	\$3 for 1/2 hour \$5 for 1 hour	\$5 for 1/2 hour \$7 for 1 hour
Paddleboat	\$4 for 1/2 hour	\$6 for 1/2 hour

Identification is required for the City of Bowie resident rate. The Boathouse may close in the event of thunderstorms and/or rain. Please call **301-809-3116** to confirm that the Boathouse is open.

Playing It Safe!

Lightning Safety In Our Parks and On Our Fields

**“If you hear it (thunder), clear it.
If you see it (lightning), flee it.”**



Lightning is random and unpredictable. The best defense towards lightning hazards is proper preparedness and quick response.

At the first signs of lightning or thunder, leave the ball field or park. Seek shelter in a fully enclosed metal vehicle with windows up, in a substantial building, or low ground if a vehicle or substantial buildings are unavailable. Unsafe shelter areas include all outdoor metal objects, picnic shelters, amphitheaters, dugout areas, open fields, metal fences, flagpoles, bleachers, light poles, trees and high ground.

If you are outside and feel your hair standing on end, and/or hear “crackling noises”, you are in lightning’s electric field. If caught outside during close-in lightning, immediately remove metal objects (including baseball cap), place your feet together, duck your head, and crouch down low in a baseball catcher’s stance with your hands on your knees or covering your ears. Avoid proximity to other people (minimum of 15 ft. from people).

If a person in your group is struck by lightning, their body does not carry a dangerous electric current. Contact 911 as soon as possible. It is safe to start first aid/CPR.

Take proper precautions and seek shelter at first signs of lightning/thunder. Resume activity no sooner than 30 minutes after the last sign of lightning and thunder. Play safe!

Resources provided by the National Lightning Safety Institute, Louisville, CO.

Bowie Farmer's Market

The Bowie Farmer's Market is now in full swing! Patrons will find various types of fresh fruits and vegetables, breads and baked goods, jams and jellies, salsa, herbs, fresh cut flowers and bedding plants at this "Producers-Only" market.

The Farmer's Market is open Sundays, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., through October 29, 2006. The Market is held in the Bowie High School parking lot at 15200 Annapolis Road. For more information, please call 301-809-3076.

Upcoming Special Events

July 9 "Community Day" (tentative)

This event will host equipment demonstrations from local Fire, EMS and Police. Free shaved ice will be offered to the public. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

August 13 "Corn Roast"

Free, fresh hot grilled corn on the cob served from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., compliments of the Bowie Farmer's Market Vendors.

September 17 "Agriculture Awareness Day"

Visit the Maryland Agricultural Trailer. Educational and interactive children's activities offered. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

October 22 "Octoberfest"

Free scarecrow making (participants supply a long-sleeved shirt and trousers). Free pumpkin painting (pumpkins available for purchase at market). Live music and free hot apple cider! Activities begin at 10 a.m.



Summer Tips From Public Works

Yardwaste Recycling Is Mandatory Yardwaste is collected ONLY on Wednesdays and is automatic throughout the year (no need to call). It will not be picked up with regular trash. Yardwaste consists of leaves, grass clippings, branches less than 3 inches in diameter (**no bamboo, dirt, mulch or sod**). All leaves and grass, free of dirt and rocks, must be bagged, boxed or in cans. Branches must be no longer than 4 feet and securely tied in manageable bundles or put in boxes or bags. Yardwaste must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on Wednesdays. Bamboo is picked up with regular trash.

Refuse and Recycling Reminders When your recycling day falls on one of your refuse collection days, if you live in a single family home, please place your refuse on one side of your driveway and your recycling on the other side. This way there will be no doubt as to whether you are recycling items or want them collected as trash.

Newspapers, junk mail, catalogs, paper board and cardboard should be placed in paper or plastic bags or tied in bundles and placed beside, not in, the recycling bins or buckets.

Recycling bins and buckets are for glass, cans (bi-metal and aluminum) and plastic bottles with necks and screw tops (**no** styrofoam, margarine/butter/yogurt containers, plastic hangers, plates, cups, utensils or plastic bags, or motor oil containers).

Special Pickup by request, is for metal items only, such as washers, dryers, water heaters, grills, bicycles, refrigerators, freezers, exercise equipment; anything that is 98% metal. Call 301-809-2344 prior to 12 noon on Tuesdays for that Wednesday's special metal pickup. You must call to request the service!

Large, bulky items such as couches, chairs, console televisions, computer monitors, sliding glass doors with the glass, wood tables – household items that are not 98% metal – can be placed at the curb on the regular trash day.

Items Not Collected Sod, dirt, rocks, mulch, car parts, propane tanks, concrete, oil, gasoline, kerosene, oil based paints or any hazardous materials are not collected. Prince George's County accepts hazardous waste every Sunday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., at Brown Station Landfill, 301-883-5045.

Bowie Recycles



City of Bowie Recycling 301-809-2344

COMMODITY	ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE
GLASS Please rinse; plastic rings and labeling may remain	ALL BOTTLES AND JARS	<i>CERAMICS, CRYSTAL, MIRRORS, LIGHT BULBS, WINDOW GLASS, DRINKING GLASS</i>
CANS Please rinse; cans may be crushed; labeling may remain	ALUMINUM/STEEL/BI-METAL FOOD & BEVERAGE CANS	<i>SPRAY CANS PAINT CANS</i>
PAPER Must be tied in bundles or in bags -- do not put papers in blue bins or buckets	NEWSPAPERS, WHITE PAPER, MAGAZINES, CATALOGS, JUNK MAIL, CARDBOARD, PAPERBOARD	
TELEPHONE BOOKS	ACCEPTED WITH NEWSPAPER THROUGHOUT THE YEAR	
YARD WASTE Branches can be no larger than 3" diameter or longer than 4', and must be tied securely -- thicker branches are regular trash	WEDNESDAYS ONLY -- BAGGED GRASS, LEAVES, TWIGS; BRANCHES MUST BE TIED SECURELY IN BUNDLES	<i>BAMBOO, DIRT, ROCKS, STUMPS, APPLES, MULCH, PUMPKINS, 2 X 4'S, LANDSCAPE TIMBERS</i>
METAL ITEMS Call 301-262-6200 or 301-809-2344 before noon on Tuesday	WEDNESDAYS ONLY -- WASHERS, DRYERS, GRILLS, BIKES, WATER HEATERS, AIR CONDITIONERS, ETC. -- ANYTHING 98% METAL	<i>AUTO PARTS, GALVANIZED METAL FENCING, PROPANE TANKS, FENCE POSTS, GARDEN STAKES</i>
PLASTICS	BOTTLES WITH NECKS ONLY, MILK JUGS, SODA BOTTLES, DETERGENT, ETC. #1 AND #2 BOTTLES ONLY	<i>MOTOR OIL OR CHEMICAL BOTTLES, YOGURT OR BUTTER TUBS & LIDS, PIPE, PLASTIC CUPS, PLATES, UTENSILS OR BAGS</i>

2006 Saturday Concert Series

Town Green Park, 9th Street (MD Route 564)

Old Town Bowie, 2 - 4 p.m.

These free concerts will be presented "in the heart of the antique district" in Old Town Bowie. Bands perform rain or shine, with a rain location at the Knights of Saint John Hall at 12th Street and Chestnut Avenue.

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| July 1 | 257th Army Band Tuba Euphonium Quartet
<i>**Concert Performance at 3 p.m.**</i> |
| July 8 | The Homespun Ceilidh Band
<i>Celtic Music</i> |
| July 15 | Jericho Bridge
<i>Bluegrass</i> |
| July 22 | Mike Surratt & The Continentals
<i>Swing/Latin</i> |
| July 29 | Durham Station Bluegrass Band
<i>Bluegrass</i> |
| Aug. 5 | Annie Sidley
<i>Pop/R&B</i> |
| Aug. 12 | Stravagant
<i>Contemporary Jazz</i> |
| Aug. 19 | Community Showcase
<i>Variety</i> |
| Aug. 26 | The Moonlighters
<i>Blues/Oldies</i> |
| Sept. 2 | The Dixie Power Trio
<i>Zydeco/New Orleans Jazz</i> |

For more information, please contact Shannon Carpenter, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or scarpenter@cityofbowie.org.



2006 Sunday Sunset Concert Series

Robert V. Setera Amphitheater

Allen Pond Park, 7 - 8 p.m.

These concerts offer relaxing entertainment for the entire family. Don't miss any of the talented performers on Sunday evenings at Allen Pond Park. All concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather.

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| July 2 | The Winstons
<i>Motown</i> |
| July 9 | The Bay Jazz Project
<i>Contemporary Jazz</i> |
| July 16 | Bowie Knights of Harmony
<i>Barbershop Chorus</i> |
| July 23 | Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition
<i>Bluegrass</i> |
| July 30 | Premium Band & Horns
<i>Motown</i> |
| Aug. 6 | US Naval Academy Electric Brigade
<i>Rock Ensemble</i> |
| Aug. 13 | US Army Field Band Jazz Ambassadors
<i>Jazz</i> |
| Aug. 20 | NZN Band
<i>R&B</i> |
| Aug. 27 | US Naval Academy Concert Band
<i>Concert Performance</i> |
| Sept. 3 | TBD |

For more information, please call City Hall at 301-809-3078.

Weekly Spraying Schedule

If necessary, spraying for mosquitoes will take place weekly according to the following schedule:

Tuesdays 9 p.m. - 4 a.m.	Wednesdays 9 p.m. - 4 a.m.
Belair Greens	Amber Meadows
Bowie Forest	Bowie Commons
Bowie Station	Collington Manor
Buckingham	Collington Station
Chapel Forge	Covington
Derbyshire	Devonshire
Fairview	Enfield Chase
Fletchertown Road	Ensleigh
Foxhill	Essington
Forest Drive	Evergreen Estates
Glenridge	Glen Allen
Grady's Walk	Greystone
Highbridge Park	Grovehurst
Hillmeade Station Addition	Heather Hills
Huntington	Lake Village Manor
Huntington Crest	Longleaf
Idlewild	Mitchellville Rd. Townhouses
Kenilworth	Mitchellville East
Long Ridge	Northview
Meadowbrook	Oakberry
Meadowbrook Townhouses	Oak Pond
Northridge	Oaktree
Old Chapel Estates	Palisades
Olde Stage	Pointer Ridge North
Overbrook	Pointer Ridge South
Princeton Square	Ridgeview Townhouses
Race Track Rd. Townhouses	Tall Oaks
Rockledge	Ternberry
Rolling Hills	Vistas
Saddlebrook	Woodmore Highlands
Somerset	
Stewart's Landing	
Sumner Chase	
Tulip Grove	
Victoria Heights	
Westview	

Mosquito Control Program Underway

The City's 2005 Mosquito Control Program began in April and will continue through late September. The program consists of larviciding, adult mosquito surveillance, possible spraying on Tuesday or Wednesday nights, and public education about the Asian Tiger Mosquito. Larviciding involves the treatment of the immature stages (eggs, larvae or pupae) of the mosquitoes in the stagnant water where they occur. Known breeding areas will be checked biweekly and will be treated as necessary.

Your neighborhood has been scheduled for adult mosquito surveillance and possible spraying according to the schedule to the left. This part of the program will begin on June 22nd and run through September 30th. Please call the Public Works Department if you have a mosquito problem in your area.

The Tiger Mosquito has become a major pest in this area. You can help reduce its "backyard breeding". Mosquitoes can breed in any standing water. To prevent backyard breeding areas, water should be changed weekly in birdbaths and wading pools, and daily in pet dishes. Gutters should be cleaned at least twice a year. Other water holding containers should be disposed of or stored upside down.

If you need assistance with identifying breeding areas around your home, or to report stagnant water near your property, call the Public Works Department at 301-809-2336. More information is also available from the Maryland Department of Agriculture Mosquito Control Office at 301-927-8357 or on their website at www.mda.state.md.us.

The adult mosquito surveillance/possible spraying schedule is listed to the left.

News of the City Museums



Mark Your Calendar

“History Day at Home” - County-Wide

Saturday, July 22, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Celebrate “Gorgeous Prince George’s” County history on one of four day-long bus tours sponsored by the Prince George’s County Historic Sites Consortium. Discover your County’s history...themes include African American history, historic houses over the years, early agriculture and antebellum Prince George’s County. For further information, call 301-464-5291 or visit www.princegeorgesmuseums.org.

Kaboose Kids

Thursday, July 20, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Children’s Heritage Center & Railroad Museum, 8606 Chestnut Avenue in Old Bowie. Visit the Bowie Railroad Station and Children’s Heritage Center for a fun morning discovering the Old Town Bowie railroad community. Stories, art, interactive activities and train watching will highlight the heritage of Old Town! Ages 3-9. Reservations not required. Free.

Hands-on History Day for Youngsters

Saturday, July 22, 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion, 12207 Tulip Grove Drive. As part of “History at Home Day”, youngsters can take a turn on the spinning wheel, help make butter, create their own 18th century game, enjoy a scavenger hunt, and take a look at Belair Mansion from a child’s eye view. Reservations not required. Free.

Fabulous Shopping Opportunity!!

Looking for a special gift, child’s book, teapot or hostess gift? How about a special Bowie souvenir? Don’t forget the Mansion Museum Shop! New items are always arriving. Come check out our bookshelf and new garden accessories! Don’t miss the handsome new Belair Mansion embroidered fleece throws - a great gift at \$25 each! The Belair Mansion Museum Shop is open Wednesdays - Sundays from 12 – 4 p.m. Shop sales support purchases for the Museums collections!

For information on these, or any museum program, please call 301-809-3089 or email museumevents@cityofbowie.org

Museum Hours of Operation

Bowie Railroad Station and Huntington Museum, Tuesdays through Sundays, 12 - 4 p.m., 11th Street and Chestnut Avenue, Old Town Bowie. Free.

Belair Stable Museum, Wednesdays through Sundays, 12 - 4 p.m., 2835 Belair Drive. Free.

Belair Mansion, Wednesdays through Sundays, 12 - 4 p.m., 12207 Tulip Grove Drive. Free.

Radio and Television Museum, Fridays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 1 - 5 p.m., 2608 Mitchellville Road. Free. *To contact this Museum, call 301-390-1020.*

Old Town Bowie Welcome Center and Interactive Children's Museum, Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 8606 Chestnut Avenue, 301-575-2488. Free.

To schedule a group tour of any of these City Museums, or for more information, please call 301-809-3089.

The Prince George’s Genealogical Library, Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. (first Wednesday of the month 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.); and last Saturday of each month, 1 - 5 p.m., Tulip Grove Drive. Free. *For more information, call 301-262-2063 during open hours.*

Senior Services Overview

The Bowie Senior Center provides a wide variety of educational and recreational programs and services that include information and assistance, transportation, and a nutrition program for seniors 55 years and older.

Transportation: Curbside bus service for Bowie residents 55 and older is provided to the Center, local food shopping and local doctor appointments. Call the Center at least 24 hours in advance to schedule appointments.

Transportation is available on a "first call, first served basis." Donations accepted.

Nutrition Program: A nutritious lunch at the Senior Center, sponsored by the Prince George's County Department of Family Services, is served weekdays only. A 48-hour advance reservation is required. Donations accepted.

Information & Assistance: If you need help finding an answer regarding health, appropriate housing, medical, financial or legal issues, contact the Center for information and/or referral.

Senior Corner

Classes: Prince George's Community College offers classes at the Center for individuals 60 years and over. Classes include: art, music, languages, exercise, history, financial planning and more. Registration information is available at the Center. Fee is \$50 per term.

The Senior Center also sponsors classes and seminars including computers, ceramics, arts and humanities, exercise, health and finances.

Bowie Senior Center
14900 Health Center Drive
301-809-2300

Hours of operation are
 Monday, Wednesday
 and Friday,
 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
 Tuesday and Thursday,
 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.;
 and Saturday,
 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Special Events

Evening Cabaret

The Paddlewheel Trio
Tuesday, July 25
7 - 8 p.m.

The Paddlewheel Trio comes to you direct from the Mississippi Queen where it originated over a decade ago. In recent years, the Trio has performed in nearly every city along America's rivers, and brings its first-hand experiences to the stage in song and lore. From New Orleans to Saint Paul, from Pittsburgh to Chattanooga, Bobby, Vince, and Greg have collected many exciting adventures of small town America to share with you. Reservations and Fee.

Computer Classes

Registration for computer classes will be held **July 11** for classes August 7 through September 2. A complete listing of classes offered is available at the Center.

Upcoming Events

Independence Day

*Tuesday, July 4, 2006
City Offices Closed
No Refuse or Recycling
Collection*

Summer Campfire Stories

*July 8 and 22, 2006
7:45 p.m. at Whitemarsh Park*

Hands-on History Day for Youngsters

*Saturday, July 22, 2006
12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion*

Alternative versions of this newsletter are available upon request. Call the City's Public Information Office at 301-809-3032 or TTY/TDD 301-262-5013

Summer Fun at the City Gym!

As the summer heat sizzles, stop, look and listen to the happenings at the Bowie Gym:

All-N-One Summer Sports and Learning Camp July 10 - 14 and August 7 - 11, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Ages 8-12 years. Activities will include team sports, bowling, swimming, rollerskating, nutrition class, nature lore, life skills, arts and crafts, community service projects, music and video production, reading, storytelling, videos, snacks, and camp t-shirt.

50 and Over Basketball Wednesdays, 8 - 10 p.m., beginning August 30. Walk-ins are welcome!

Teen Summer Slam Event Friday, July 21, 6 - 10 p.m. Ages 12-17 years. Activities include music, food, games and prizes.

3rd Annual Back to School Event Saturday, August 19, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Ages 5-11 years. Activities include games, food, prizes, special presentations and more!

For more information, contact the Gym at 301-809-2388.

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