

Bowie Spotlight

The Official Newsletter of the City of Bowie

November- December 2006

Leaf Collection Begins November 6

The City's leaf collection service kicks off November 6. Each residential neighborhood will have two collection dates. Residents should rake leaves into piles at the edge of their grass for pickup by the City crews. Collection will take place from approximately 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. according to the schedule on page 3. 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. Due to expected volume, these sections may take more than one day to complete. The leaves must be raked to the curb by 7 a.m. on the first scheduled date. The second day is built into the schedule to allow extra time if it is needed. Crews will visit areas not completed on the first scheduled day.

For up-to-date information, please call 301-262-6200 and select the prompt for the Leaf Collection Hotline. For more information, call 301-809-2344.

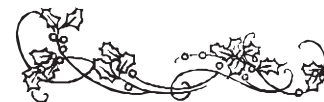
City Hall Holiday Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 3 at 7 p.m.

The Civic Affairs Committee invites you to join your neighbors at the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday, December 3, beginning at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 2614 Kenhill Drive. Please mark your calendars. Bundle up for caroling outdoors followed by Santa and Mrs. Claus' arrival atop the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department's ladder truck.

Indoors following Santa's arrival, enjoy entertainment in the Multipurpose Room, children's crafts, and visit with Santa.

For more information, please contact City Hall at 301-809-3011 or email scarpenter@cityofbowie.org.



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Fall/Winter Reminders from Public Works

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The City's TTY number is 301-262-5013.

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

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Telephone Books Old telephone books will be collected with newspapers, junk mail and magazines throughout the year. Place in paper bags or tie in bundles.

Yardwaste: Leaves, Branches and Grass Yardwaste recycling is mandatory in the City of Bowie. Yardwaste (bagged and bundled) is collected every Wednesday throughout the year along with the curbside loose collection of leaves in the Fall. The schedule for loose curbside leaf collection can be found on Page 3 of this newsletter, on Cable channel 71, as well as on the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org. Place all yardwaste curbside, bagged and/or bundled by 7 a.m. each Wednesday.

Christmas Trees Trees will be picked up every Wednesday in January with yardwaste. Please make sure that all lights and decorations are removed from the tree. Place at curb by 7 a.m.

Snow * Snow * Snow * With winter around the corner, please remember to remove your vehicles from the street if snow or ice is in the forecast. This will allow plows and/or salt and sand vehicles to more thoroughly treat your street. The City begins plowing when the snow depth reaches two inches. All main drives, hills and collector streets are treated and/or plowed first. Plowing continues until all streets have been cleared. In the event of a snowfall less than two inches, all main drives, hills and collector streets are treated with salt and/or sand. Streets and cul de sacs that are flat or have only slight inclines with limited intersections are only treated in extreme icing conditions. During a snow or ice event, it is acceptable to park your vehicle on your grass. Each resident is responsible for removing snow and/or ice from the sidewalk in front of their home.

To report hazardous conditions within the City, please call the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.

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.

2006 Leaf Collection Schedule

Section	First Leaf Collection Date		Second Leaf Collection Date	
AMBER MEADOWS	Wed.	11/29	Wed.	12/20
BELAIR GREENS	Mon.	11/27	Thurs.	12/21
BELAIR TOWN I	Mon.	11/27	Thurs.	12/21
BELAIR TOWN II	Thurs.	11/16	Tues.	12/12
BUCKINGHAM*	Wed.	11/15 (& 11/16)	Tues.	12/5
CHAPEL FORGE	Thurs.	11/9	Wed.	12/6
COLLINGTON MANOR	Wed.	11/22	Tues.	12/19
COLLINGTON STATION	Wed.	11/22	Tues.	12/19
COVINGTON MANOR	Tues.	11/28	Wed.	12/20
DERBYSHIRE	Wed.	11/15	Mon.	12/4
DEVONSHIRE	Wed.	11/22	Tues.	12/19
ENFIELD	Tues.	11/28	Mon.	12/18
FAIRVIEW	Mon.	11/20	Tues.	12/19
FOXHILL*	Tues.	11/7 (& 11/8)	Thurs.	12/7
GLEN ALLEN	Tues.	11/28	Wed.	12/20
GRADYS WALK	Wed.	11/22	Tues.	12/19
GROVEHURST	Wed.	11/22	Tues.	12/19
HARVEY MANOR	Mon.	11/20	Thurs.	12/14
HEATHER HILLS	Tues.	11/28	Mon.	12/18
HIGHBRIDGE PARK	Mon.	11/20	Tues.	12/19
HUNTINGTON	Mon.	11/20	Thurs.	12/14
HUNTINGTON CREST	Mon.	11/20	Thurs.	12/14
IDLEWILD	Thurs.	11/16	Tues.	12/12
KENILWORTH*	Wed.	11/8 (& 11/9)	Mon.	12/4
LONGLEAF	Wed.	11/22	Wed.	12/20
LONG RIDGE*	Mon.	11/6	Wed.	11/29 (& 11/30)
MEADOWBROOK	Mon.	11/27	Thurs.	12/21
MITCHELLVILLE EAST	Wed.	11/29	Wed.	12/20
NORTHRIDGE	Thurs.	11/9	Thurs.	12/14
NORTHVIEW	Tues.	11/28	Mon.	12/18
OAKTREE	Wed.	11/29	Tues.	12/19
OLD CHAPEL	Mon.	11/27	Thurs.	12/21
OLD CHAPEL ESTATES	Mon.	11/27	Thurs.	12/21
OLD STAGE	Thurs.	11/16	Wed.	12/20
OVERBROOK*	Tues.	11/14 (& 11/15)	Tues.	12/5
POINTER RIDGE	Mon.	11/13	Mon.	12/11
ROCKLEDGE	Tues.	11/21	Wed.	12/13
ROLLING HILLS	Mon.	11/20	Thurs.	12/14
SADDLEBROOK	Tues.	11/14	Tues.	12/12
SADDLEBROOK WEST	Tues.	11/14	Tues.	12/12
SOMERSET*	Mon.	11/6 (& 11/7)	Thurs.	11/30
STEWART'S LANDING	Mon.	11/20	Tues.	12/19
TALL OAKS	Wed.	11/22	Tues.	12/19
TERNBERRY	Wed.	11/22	Tues.	12/19
TULIP GROVE	Tues.	11/7	Thurs.	12/7
VICTORIA HEIGHTS	Thurs.	11/9	Wed.	12/6
WESTVIEW	Wed.	11/22	Tues.	12/19
WHITEHALL	Tues.	11/21	Wed.	12/13
WOODMORE	Wed.	11/22	Tues.	12/19
HIGHLANDS				
YORKTOWN	Tues.	11/14	Tues.	12/12

*Leaves must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on the first scheduled date.
The second date is only for those areas not visited on the first date.



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 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 - Time to Change the Artwork 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. This exhibit will be changed on December 14.

Artists whose work is currently on exhibit may elect to continue to display for another six months, if it has hung since June, or may choose to hang new pieces of work instead. All Bowie area artists interested in displaying their work in this gallery are asked to contact the Arts Committee. As gallery space is somewhat limited, the Committee is asking that each artist submit only one or two pieces of artwork to be hung during each six-month exhibit.

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 more information, please contact Leni Stern at 301-809-3068 or lstern@cityofbowie.org.

Young Person's Art Gallery



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

November

Benjamin Tasker Middle School

December

Kenilworth Elementary School

Art Notes

Arts Committee Grants Applications for *Grants for the Arts* will be available beginning in November to artists or groups of artists, whether visual or performing arts, for projects that include an interactive arts experience for Bowie residents. The Committee is seeking projects that provide an opportunity for residents to be involved in some area of the arts. Let your imagination guide you toward new ideas for sharing arts enjoyment through drama, painting, instrumental music, pantomime or other creative experiences in the arts. Grant applications and information will be available by mid-November on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org, under Arts Committee. The application deadline is **February 16, 2007**.

Please Pick Up Student Posters & Artwork Many of the wonderful posters that were submitted for the 2006 Arts Committee Poster Contest remain in the Department of Community Services, waiting to be picked up by their artists or owners. The Committee asks that parents of children who entered posters in the Poster Contest please pick them up at City Hall, in room 203, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. There are some really great pictures that parents and children probably want to keep. We also have the pictures that were displayed in the August Young Person's Gallery exhibit, awaiting return to their artists. So, please pick them up, as we cannot continue to store them! If you cannot come in during regular office hours, please contact Arts Committee Liaison Leni Stern at 301-809-3011 or lstern@cityofbowie.org, to make alternate arrangements for pickup. Thank you.

For more information, please contact Arts Committee Liaison Leni Stern at 301-809-3068 or lstern@cityofbowie.org.

Help Elderly and Disabled Neighbors With Snow Shoveling

Possibility of snowfall! The time of year when this may be heard in the forecast is here! The Community Outreach Committee would like to remind City residents to check on neighbors who may need assistance during severe weather.

If you have neighbors who are elderly, disabled or have other health concerns, and may not be able to shovel their sidewalks, you may be able to offer assistance.

The City requires that snow and ice be removed from sidewalks within 48 hours, to provide safe walkways for children who may need to get to and from school bus stops, or anyone else needing to safely walk past your home.

Elderly and disabled residents may request a 24-hour extension by completing a waiver application.

The neighborly thing to do, for those who are able, is to assist ill or disabled neighbors with this chore.

If nearby help is unavailable, the Bowie Youth and Family Services Teen Job Bank could be a useful source. This is a list that includes 13 to 18 year olds available to shovel snow, and/or do other jobs. Call Youth and Family Services at 301-262-6200.

Please note: Teens on the list are not pre-screened, and costs and other details must be worked out between the resident and the teen.

If you are a teen and would like to be listed with the Teen Job Bank, to be hired for various jobs in Bowie such as snow shoveling, you may pick up an application at Youth and Family Services at City Hall.



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.



Judy Decker

Judy Decker of Tulip Grove Elementary School is September Teacher of the

Month. Mrs. Decker, Special Education/Resource Teacher, "has a passion for reaching all children," "is an exceptional teacher," and "finds strategies to help children realize diverse ways to approach academic assignments," according to her nomination. She coordinates a program at the school to recognize students for the "kindness and compassion they demonstrate toward others."

Caren McCalla and the School Climate Committee nominated Mrs. Decker for Teacher of the Month because of these special abilities, as well as her inspiring overall positive attitude toward teaching,

children and life.

Tulip Grove Principal, Dr. David Scuccimarra, refers to Mrs. Decker as "an outstanding special educator and an exemplary employee who provides individualized instruction for children identified with special needs," and works diligently to "provide her students with assistance in terms of accommodations, strategies to meet their learning style, as well as modifications in the curriculum."

Mary Louise Brittain of Yorktown Elementary School Selected as October

Teacher of the Month. First grade teacher, Mary Louise Brittain, was nominated by a group of parents and students, including Michael Angulo, Carolyn Noack, Connie Burris Taylor and Mary Jo Doman. Students are quoted in this nomination as saying, "She is the nicest teacher in the school." "She helps me do my work." "She says I am respectful." They also say that she lets them play fun math games and helps them to create beautiful artwork.

She creates wonderful learning games for her students, teaching the curriculum as well as caring and respect for others. She fosters the idea of community by setting up neighborhoods as a part of the class community. And she gently encourages children to live up to their greatest potential and possibilities.

Yorktown's Principal, Linda Posko, says "Mrs. Brittain is a creative, dynamic first grade teacher who is extremely organized and differentiates her instructional practices to meet the needs of the variety of student learners in her classroom. They all benefit from her caring, personal approach to teaching."



Mary Louise Brittain

Parent Tips from the Education Committee

- Keep duplicates of school supplies handy at home, in a designated place. This will make homework and projects easier to complete when supplies are left at school, or run out.
- Help children to do their homework, by providing a quiet place and the appropriate materials. Check to see that their work is done, but do not do it for them!
- Have a designated place for children to place notices for parents; papers to be signed, field trip forms, etc. Make it a habit to check these and take care of them on a daily basis, before things are lost, or are past deadlines.
- Have a place to put items that are ready to go back to school, where children check regularly for things to return to their backpacks. Younger children may need reminders!
- Involve yourself with your child's school parent group, whether PTA, PTO or other organization. What a wonderful way to keep in touch with other parents, the principal and school staff, keep up with things going on at the school, and to offer your talents and abilities to assist when needed! Every parent counts!

More Parenting Tips on Encouragement... from Bowie Youth and Family Services

Discouraged kids often misbehave, fall behind, and get into trouble. Parents sometimes inadvertently discourage their children by focusing on their mistakes, expecting negative behavior, demanding too high a standard, or overprotecting.

You can become an encouraging influence in your child's life if you:

1. Build on strengths. Notice and comment on positive behavior no matter how small. Name the behavior. Notice the steps toward success. Highlight efforts. Don't wait for 100% achievement.
2. Show confidence in your children's abilities. Let them try new things. Let them struggle a bit to learn from their own mistakes without lecturing or stepping in. Self-esteem grows with that wonderful feeling of having figured something out.
3. Value your children and let them know that your love is not contingent on their achievements. They won't be perfect and that's okay.
4. Stimulate independence. Stop overprotecting your children by doing things for them that they are capable of doing for themselves. Self-esteem grows from the wonderful realization - "I can do it!"

Source: Active Parenting



The Skate Park Is Open!

The facility is now open and located in Allen Pond Park, at 3330 Northview Drive. The park design includes a mix between street and vert skating elements and is open for both skateboard and inline skating 365 days a year (weather permitting), from sunrise to sunset or as otherwise posted. All skaters must register with the City prior to using the facility, and must wear a helmet with chin-strap secured at all times while skating. Skaters who do not follow the posted rules at this facility will be permanently banned from the Skate Park and may be issued municipal infractions (\$100 citations). Be sure you know the rules before you skate.

The cost for registration is \$10 (cash or check only) and requires the completion of a Participation Agreement. Individuals under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign the agreement at time of submittal or have the agreement notarized. A photo I.D. will be issued to each skater. Facility information is available online at the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org under Leisure Activities, Skate Park. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Matt Reno at mreno@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3076.

Annual Pruning Workshop

February 24, 2007

The Beautification and Tree Preservation Committee will host their annual "Pruning Workshop" that teaches individuals the basic skills needed to properly prune trees and shrubs.

The program includes a PowerPoint presentation and pruning demonstration on various plants. The workshop will be held at the Bowie Senior Center on Health Center Drive, in Room 144, on **Saturday, February 24**, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A light snack and beverages will be provided. There is no cost for this workshop.

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

City Green Page

As actions and decisions made by local governments will influence corporate and residential practices, the City is implementing a series of sustainable or "Green" initiatives in compliance with the City's Green Building Policy. In order to more effectively provide the impetus for community wide awareness and change, the City has created The Green Page and the GREEN Initiatives: Public Information Presentation Series.

Log onto the following link for more information, www.cityofbowie.org/green/green.htm.

Have You Registered For Alert Bowie Yet?

Receive text message and email alerts from the City of Bowie. To sign up, go to <http://alert.cityofbowie.org> or choose the Alert Bowie link from the City's website.

Public Skating Schedule

Sunday	2 - 4 p.m. *Family
Monday	9 - 11 a.m., 12 - 2 p.m. and 2:15 - 4:15 p.m.
Tuesday	9 - 11 a.m. and 1 - 3 p.m.
Wednesday	9 - 11 a.m. and 1:45 - 3:45 p.m.
Thursday	9 - 11 a.m., 12 - 2 p.m., and 2:15 - 4:15 p.m.
Friday	9 - 11 a.m., 12 - 2 p.m., 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. *Family, and 9 - 11 p.m.
Saturday	1 - 3 p.m.

*Family Session - During these sessions, admission for up to five (5) family members is \$12 plus skate rental.

DJ Session - The first Friday of every month is a Disc Jockey Session. The fee is \$7 and includes admission, skate rental and the disc jockey.

Schedule is subject to change without notice (especially around the holidays); please call 301-809-3090 or 301-262-6200 to verify days and times.

Admission Rates:

Adult	\$5.00
Child (under 16)	\$4.50
Skate Rental	\$2.50

Bowie residents may purchase resident discount passes. Applications are available in the brochure rack at the Ice Arena.

Bowie Ice Arena
301-809-3090



Series 2 Group Lessons Offered

Series 2 Group Lessons will begin November 30, 2006. **Registration will be held November 16 - 27**, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Ice Arena. Registration must be made in person by a parent or legal guardian.

Classes are offered for children as young as 18 months of age through adults. The fee for a seven-week series of lessons is \$75 for Bowie residents and includes: seven ½-hour lessons, skate rental during the lesson and a seven-admission public session pass. Space is limited so register early.

\$5 Off Registration
Series 2 Group Lessons

Bowie Ice Arena

Not valid with any other discount or offer.

Expires November 27, 2006

\$1 Off Admission or Skate Rental
Any Public Skating Session

Bowie Ice Arena

Not valid with any other discount or offer.

Expires December 15, 2006

Top Bowie Gardens Honored At Beautification Awards Ceremony

The lovely yard of Celeste Dalton captured the top award as *2006 Distinguished Yard* at the Eleventh Annual City of Bowie Beautification Awards, held September 28 at the Bowie Senior Center. The City extends its thanks and appreciation to all the nominees, whose hard work and creativity have helped make Bowie a more beautiful and pleasant place to live, and to the sponsors who provided prizes and decorations for the program. This year's sponsors were the Bowie-Crofton Garden Club, Frank's Garden Center, Giant Food-Free State Shopping Center, and Patuxent Nursery. The complete list of this year's award recipients is as follows:

Winners	Award
Valerie Archer	<i>Distinguished Side Yard</i>
Stephen Banko	<i>Distinguished Back Yard</i>
Donna Bayes	<i>2-Star Maintenance</i>
John Bednarczyk	<i>Distinguished Speciality Garden</i>
Dorothy & Ed Bice	<i>1-Star Maintenance</i>
Bowie Shell	<i>All-Star Garden</i>
Marlene Boylan	<i>1-Star Maintenance</i>
The Brill Family	<i>1-Star Maintenance</i>
Linda Carman	<i>2-Star Maintenance</i>
Carrabba's Italian Grill	<i>2-Star Maintenance</i>
Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center	<i>1-Star Maintenance</i>
Barbara Coleman	<i>3-Star Maintenance</i>
Claire Coleman	<i>1-Star Maintenance</i>
Celeste Dalton	<i>2006 Distinguished Yard</i>
Jerry DiFazio	<i>3-Star Maintenance</i>
Dorothea Eddy	<i>3-Star Maintenance</i>
Kristine Ferreira	<i>Distinguished Pool Garden</i>
Robert & Shirley Freidline	<i>3-Star Maintenance</i>
Jim & Ginna Galentine	<i>Distinguished Front Yard</i>
Peter Granahan	<i>2-Star Maintenance</i>
David K. Haines	<i>All-Star Garden</i>
Willis LeBlond	<i>All-Star Garden</i>
Patricia Lopes	<i>Distinguished Patio Garden</i>
Randal Mars	<i>1-Star Maintenance</i>
Scott & Cheri Ogilvie	<i>2-Star Maintenance</i>
Richard Pepple	<i>3-Star Maintenance</i>
Anita Reyes	<i>2-Star Maintenance</i>
Edmund & Janet St. Jean	<i>1-Star Maintenance</i>
Diana Towmey	<i>2-Star Maintenance</i>
Maris Walker	<i>3-Star Maintenance</i>
Christen Wehrenberg	<i>3-Star Maintenance</i>
William West	<i>2-Star Maintenance</i>
Richard Wilson	<i>1-Star Maintenance</i>

The City of Bowie
Presents the 25th Annual
HOLIDAY HOUSE
DECORATING CONTEST



***Silver Bells for the
Silver Anniversary!***



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 6 - 11 PM

HOME DECORATING ENTRY FORM (Form may be reproduced)

RESIDENCE: (Circle One) HOUSE TOWNHOUSE

DECORATING CATEGORY: (Circle One)
COLONIAL RELIGIOUS TRADITIONAL

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____

WORK PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

**FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5 PM MONDAY, DECEMBER 11
BOWIE CITY HALL, ROOM 203, 2614 KENHILL DRIVE, BOWIE, MD 20715
ATTN: HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST**

**HOLIDAY HOUSE
DECORATING CONTEST**

Judging Categories and Criteria

Entrants will select one of three categories:

- ***Traditional** (colored or white lights, children's fantasies, Santa Claus and friends, etc.)
- ***Religious** (of any denomination)
- ***Colonial** (candles in the windows, greenery, white lights, the Williamsburg look...)

Entries will be judged on the following items:

- **Creativity**
- **Appearance**
- **Effort**

Contest Rules:

- Home must be located within the Bowie City limits. (Please check with us if you're not sure.)
- Contest is limited to what can be seen from the street side of the house at night.
- People or live animals are not allowed as part of the display.
- All participants are requested to keep their houses decorated through December 31st so the community may view and enjoy them.
- Entry deadline is Monday, December 11, 2006, at 5 p.m.
- Judging is on Wednesday, December 13, during the hours of 6 to 11 p.m. (Participants: please turn on displays by 6 p.m. so that the judges may evaluate each entry accordingly.)
- Winners will be notified on December 15.
- Judges' decisions are final.
- Prizes will be awarded at the Holiday Awards Reception on Tuesday, December 19, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. All contest entrants are invited to attend.

For additional information, please call City Hall at 301-809-3011.

Help Your Neighbors: Donate to the Bowie Community Pantry

The Community Outreach Committee would like to remind you that help is always needed for families who may be experiencing an emergency or difficult time. The Bowie Emergency Aid Fund & Community Pantry offers financial and food assistance, and is always in need of non-perishable food and monetary donations.

This service is located at the Christian Community Presbyterian Church (CCPC), 3120 Belair Drive. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 - 11 a.m.

There is a container at the reception desk at City Hall and a collection basket in the lobby of the Senior Center, where you may drop non-perishable food donations.

For more information, please contact the Pantry at 301-262-6765 or BowieFoodPantry@gmail.com.

Ash Trees Quarantined

Ash trees in Prince George's County have been quarantined by the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

The emerald ash borer, an exotic, federally-regulated pest, responsible for the death of more than 20 million ash trees in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio, is also a threat in Prince George's County.

Learn more about the ash borer and the steps being taken to solve the problem by visiting the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org.

Bowie Playhouse Presents



SCROOGE, THE STINGIEST MAN IN TOWN -- 11/10 - 12/3

*Performances begin at 3 p.m. on Sundays, 2 p.m. Saturday afternoons (11/25 and 12/2), and 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings.
Presented by 2nd Star Productions, 301-858-7245.*

MERRY CHRISTMAS GEORGE BAILEY -- 12/14 - 12/17

*Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.
Presented by Prince George's Little Theatre, Inc., 301-937-7458.*



The Bowie Playhouse is located on Route 3 South in Whitemarsh Park. For information about the performances or to purchase tickets, please call the theater company at the telephone number listed above.

Code Corner

The fall and winter months are upon us bringing with them some seasonal issues. The City's leaf collection program is just beginning. The Code office wishes to remind residents that, to prevent a Code violation and the creation of a possible hazardous driving situation, leaves should be raked to the edge of the property, but NOT into the street.

As we will be moving quickly from fall to winter, we also wish to remind you that the City Code requires that all cars be removed from the street when a snow emergency (accumulation of 2 or more inches of snow or ice) is declared so that plow and sand/salt trucks can clear the streets. All residents and businesses are also required to remove snow/ice from the sidewalks abutting their property within 48 hours following any winter storm. Please note that residents with special circumstances such as age or disability may complete a waiver application requesting a 24-hour extension of that 48-hour time requirement. Such waivers can be requested by calling 301-809-3008 prior to November 15. In order to keep this list accurate, residents must apply annually. To assure safe passage for children and adults who are going to school and work, all residents should consider making arrangements now with an individual or company who would be able to clear walkways in the event of snow or ice.

The Code Office wishes to again remind residents that trash containers should not be put out until after 5 p.m. on the day preceding their collection day and they must be removed from public view no later than 10 p.m. on their scheduled trash day.

Pitbull Regulations

Effective **February 3, 1997**, County Code Section 3-185.01 made it illegal to own, harbor or keep a pitbull or predominately pitbull breed dog in Prince George's County. Dogs registered with the County prior to February 1997, may remain in the City subject to the following restrictions:

- The dog must be under the control of a responsible adult at all times when outside a kennel or building.
- The dog must also be secured by an unbreakable or unseverable leash.
- The dog must display the pitbull registration tag at all times.

Violations of this Code will result in fines up to \$1,000 or a sentence of up to six months in prison. The City's Animal Control Division strictly enforces this Code. Anyone with questions regarding their dog's breed may contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002.

City Development Review Guidelines

The City's Development Review Guidelines and Policies provide clear, understandable direction on what the City Council has stated about the desired character and future development of the City. The City Council will hold a public worksession on **November 13, 2006** and a public hearing on **December 4, 2006** to review proposed revisions. Please contact the Planning Department at 301-809-3047 with any comments you have and plan to participate at Council's meetings. Your input is always welcome!

News of the City Museums



Mark Your Calendar

“Crossing the Threshold: The 19th Century”

Monday, November 13, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Annual History Lecture Lunch Day. Day-long symposium discussing life in a “new” time! Five speakers offer talks on food, fashion, fun, fairs and festivities. Reservations required. Fee.

“Deck the Halls” Second Tuesday Lecture Series

Tuesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Pam Williams, Assistant Director, City of Bowie Museums, takes a look at holiday traditions – past and present. \$3 donation requested.

Black Friday on Saturday at Belair Mansion Gift Shop

Saturday, November 25, 12 - 4 p.m. All purchases 20% off.

Trainspotting Day at Bowie Train Station

Sunday, November 26, 12 – 5 p.m. Watch dozens of unusual trains whiz by on AMTRAK’s busiest day of the year. Enjoy a holiday season kick-off with a visit to Santa. Stroll Old Bowie and shop for a special holiday gift at one of Old Town’s unique shops and restaurants! Free.

Candlelight at Belair Mansion & Stable Museums

Sunday, December 3, 4 – 7 p.m. View a glimpse of Christmas past...18th, 19th, and 20th century holiday traditions and decorations enjoyed by the different families living at Belair. \$3 donation requested.

Mistletoe Tea at Belair Mansion

Friday, December 8, 4 – 6 p.m. Enjoy a special holiday tea with traditional goodies followed by a candlelight open house offering holiday cheer! Reservations/advance payment required. \$22 per person.

Holiday Broadcast Fun at the Radio and Television Museum

Friday, December 15, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday, December 16, Sunday December 17, 1 - 5 p.m. Enjoy classic holiday radio and television programming from years gone by!

Kringle Kids Candlelight at Belair Mansion

Saturday, December 16, 3 – 6 p.m. Special holiday activities and tours for youngsters ages 2-11. Take home a holiday craft, enjoy cider and cookies, and learn about holidays long ago. Donation requested.

Winter Wonderland Tea at Belair Mansion

Saturday, December 30, 4 – 6 p.m. Enjoy a special holiday tea with traditional goodies followed by a candlelight open house. Reservations and advance payment required. \$22 per person.

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, 10 a.m.-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 - 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 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.

New Classes!

Silk Painting Class starts Tuesday, November 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. Instructor is Diane Tuckman. You do not need an art background. Come have fun and learn many techniques in painting. Fee is \$25 and \$18 lab fee. Registration required. Space is limited.

Floral Class starts Thursday, November 9, from 4 to 6 p.m. Instructor is Diane Tuckman. Bring your own vase and create a beautiful arrangement for you or a friend. Fee is \$25 plus a \$18 lab fee. Registration required.



Senior Corner

Veterans Day Celebration

Thursday, November 9
12:30 - 2 p.m.

All veterans will be recognized according to branch of service. The program will include a patriotic performance by the Bowie Senior Chorale. Light refreshments will be served. Registration required.

Holiday Bazaar and

Bake Shoppe

Friday, December 1
Saturday, December 2
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Holiday decorations, gift items and luscious baked goods for sale.

Bowie Senior Chorale

Tuesday, December 12
12:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 14
7 p.m.

The Center's Bowie Senior Chorale will present two *Holiday Concerts* during the holiday season.

Holiday Concert

Tuesday, December 19
7 p.m.

Bowie Knights of Harmony & the Arundelair Chorus of Sweet Adelines International

A joint holiday concert to benefit the Bowie Food Pantry. Fee is \$3.

Senior Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 19
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Fee and registration required.

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.

Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Holiday

*November 23 and 24, 2006
City Offices Closed
No Refuse or Recycling Collection*

Holiday Tree Lighting

*Sunday, December 3, 2006
7 p.m. City Hall*

Christmas Holiday

*Monday, December 25, 2006
City Offices Closed
No Refuse or Recycling Collection*

New Year's Holiday

*Monday, January 1, 2007
City Offices Closed
No Refuse or Recycling Collection*

2007 City Holidays

New Year's Holiday	Monday	January 1, 2007
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday	January 15, 2007
Presidents Day	Monday	February 19, 2007
Memorial Day	Monday	May 28, 2007
Independence Day	Wednesday	July 4, 2007
Labor Day	Monday	September 3, 2007
Veterans Day	Monday	November 12, 2007
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 22, 2007
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday	November 23, 2007
Christmas Day	Tuesday	December 25, 2007

City offices will be closed on the dates listed above. There will be no refuse or recycling services on these dates.

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