

Bowie Spotlight

The Official Newsletter of the City of Bowie

July - August 2007

Bowie Celebrates America July 4th at Allen Pond Park!

Independence Day Schedule of Events

4:30 p.m.	Kaleidoscope ... <i>Variety Band</i>
6 p.m.	Bowie High School Cheerleading Squad
6:30 p.m.	Kaleidoscope
7:45 p.m.	Welcome ... <i>Mayor G. Frederick Robinson</i>
8 p.m.	Kaleidoscope
9 p.m.	Introduction of Elected Officials Flag Ceremony ... <i>Bowie Memorial Post 8065 VFW</i> National Anthem ... <i>Chartel Findlater</i>
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 us at Allen Pond Park, located at 3330 Northview Drive, on Wednesday, July 4, 2007 to celebrate America!

Food, drinks and novelties will be on sale throughout the Park beginning at 3 p.m. 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! Due to both safety and humane concerns, pets will not be permitted in Allen Pond Park on July 4th. The rain date for fireworks only is Thursday, July 5th.

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

Salute to America Concert

The City's Sunday Sunset Concert Series at the Robert V. Setera Amphitheater in Allen Pond Park will conclude with a very special concert on **Sunday, September 9, 2007** from 7 – 8:15 p.m. The special concert titled *Salute to America* and featuring the United States Naval Academy Concert Band will honor and salute the members of the Armed Forces who protect our freedoms each day of the year.

Bring your flags, candles, friends, and families to the Park for this patriotic evening. All attendees are encouraged to dress in red, white, and blue, or wear military attire if appropriate. For more information, please contact Sally Hein, Assistant Director of Community Services, at 301-809-3014 or email shein@cityof-bowie.org.

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Community Volunteers Needed

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

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The City has many residents who have lived here 30, 40 and even 50 years. As these residents age-in-place, exterior maintenance on their homes has become more challenging and sometimes creates Code compliance and/or safety issues.

On the other hand, Bowie also has many able-bodied retirees, civic organization members, and young people who are looking for ways to give back to their community.

The Community Services Department is launching a new program to match these two groups. We are calling the program "**Neighbors Helping Neighbors**". This program is designed to bridge the gap between elderly (must be at least 65 years old) and handicapped residents, and adults and organizations looking for ways to reach out and help someone in need. This is strictly a volunteer program. Details and an application form, either for residents in need or volunteer workers, can be obtained from the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org or by calling 301-809-3013.

Celebrate National Night Out

The Bowie Police Department will hold its first National Night Out on **August 7, 2007** from 6 to 9 p.m. at Prince George's Stadium, home of the Bowie Baysox. National Night Out focuses on crime prevention, strengthening communities, and fostering positive relationships between citizens and the public safety agencies that serve them. For 24 years these events have taken place on the first Tuesday in August, in neighborhoods throughout the country. The events are local and are intended to get neighbors talking to each other and watching out for each other.

This year, the Bowie Police Department is organizing one large event for Bowie residents to take a stand against crime. Next year, they will encourage many local events to take place on that night, hosted by neighborhoods and homeowners associations, or even the residents of a particular block, that will focus on the particular needs and interests of those residents.

The August 7th National Night Out celebration is totally free of charge and will feature police displays, safety information, an opportunity to register for Alert Bowie, free child identification cards, and exhibits that promote positive activities for the City's youth. Other attractions include Marvel Comics' Spider-man, a moon-bounce, hot rod displays, give-aways, MIX-107, and more. Come meet your new police department and enjoy an evening of family fun.

Wanted: Chief Judges and Judges for City Election - November 6, 2007

Chief Judges, Judges and Alternate Judges are needed for the City of Bowie Election on Tuesday, **November 6, 2007**. Interested Bowie residents are requested to send a letter of application to the City Clerk.

Judges must be registered to vote in City elections. Preference will be given to persons having experience. All Judges who are selected to serve must attend a training session (date to be determined). Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and judges will be on duty from approximately 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. One Chief Judge will supervise the Judges at each polling place. The Chief Judges will receive \$125 and Judges will receive \$100 for their duties on Election Day. In addition, Judges will receive \$10 for the training session and for any additional meetings they are required to attend.

Application letters should be addressed to the Board of Elections, c/o City Clerk, City Hall, 2614 Kenhill Drive, Bowie, MD 20715 or via e-mail to pflaming@cityofbowie.org. For additional information, please call the City Clerk at 301-809-3029.

Adam Morehouse

Malcolm "Skip" Popp Award Recipient

Adam Morehouse, a Scout with Troop 403, was selected to receive the Malcolm C. "Skip" Popp Award for his dedication to scouting and the community during the 2006 calendar year. This recognition is awarded periodically to a scout or an adult scout leader who has rendered "extraordinary, distinguished service to scouting and his/her neighbor."

Adam has shown unusual leadership qualities. His efforts in support of his Troop and fellow scouts include spearheading an effort to raise funds necessary to purchase a Troop trailer. The need was there, but not the money, and he took it upon himself to research trailers, make a presentation to the Troop Committee, involve his fellow scouts in appropriate fundraising efforts and purchase the much-needed trailer for the Troop. Adam is also very active in his church, and other community efforts, and, as is stated in his nomination, "Adam's true dedication to the many projects that he has engaged in for the sole purpose of helping others, is impressive."

The City Council will recognize Adam at a meeting on **September 4, 2007**. Prior to the meeting, a reception will be held in Adam's honor at 7 p.m. Family members, fellow scouts and leaders, as well as friends and neighbors are invited to join him to celebrate this special award. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Leni Stern at lstern@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3068.

Beautification Awards

Program

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 2007 Beautification Award entrants.

The City will host a Beautification Awards Program Ceremony on **Thursday, October 4, 2007** 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.



Art Notes

City Hall Art Galleries Local artists are given continuing opportunities to exhibit and sell their artwork in four art galleries at City Hall. The City is pleased to provide this space for the display and sale of artwork created by Bowie artists. Stop in and see the artwork created by these talented local artists!

Galleries are open weekdays, 8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Many of the pieces on display are for sale and may be purchased from the artists. The City does not charge the artist a fee or commission to display the artwork. All artwork 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. The next exhibit change will take place in October.

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. Stop in to see the new exhibit, which was changed in June.

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.

Young Person's Art Gallery



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

July
Poster Contest Winners

August
Individual Young Artists

Travelers Needed For A Trip Around the World ... Right Here In Bowie

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 **Saturday, October 6, 2007** from 11 a.m. 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.

Parade of Cultures will showcase regalia and wardrobe from various cultures and countries. Do you have a native costume from a country of your family's heritage? Festival attendees will enjoy learning about clothing from around the world. If you would like to showcase a country or culture by wearing clothing representative of another culture or part of the world in the Parade of Cultures at the International Festival, please contact Leni Stern at lstern@cityofbowie.org or call 301-809-3011.

City Scholarship Awards

The City awards scholarships for "Arts" and "Excellence in Education" to graduating high school students who are residents of Bowie. Congratulations to this year's winners. We wish the following students great success in their future studies:

Arts Scholarships were awarded to:

- **Krista Miller** - Attending Towson State University.
- **Michael Price** - Attending University of Maryland, Baltimore County.
- **Hope Myers** - Attending Maryland Institute of Art.

Education Scholarships were awarded to:

- **David Johnson** - Attending St. Mary's College.
- **Stephanie Hayes** - Attending University of Maryland.
- **Ryan Hurley** - Attending University of Maryland.
- **Jacqueline Melvin** - Attending Washington College.
- **Melanie Ocampos-Barry** - Attending Loyola College or St. Mary's College.

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

Sunday Sunset Concerts Food Drive

Donations to the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund may be made at Sunday Concerts this summer at Allen Pond Park.

Community Outreach Committee (COC) 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, 9 to 11 a.m. Also, there is a collection container by the reception desk at 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.

A big Thank You to all those who made food and monetary donations to the Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund at the Memorial Day Parade, Bowiefest, and at the June 15th Baysox Game. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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.



Mark Hammett

Mark Hammett of St. Pius X Regional School is the May Teacher of the Month.

Mark Hammett was nominated by parent Ellen Ewing for the "exceptional way he relates to his students". "He

really knows his middle school students," she says in her nomination, "as he uses a variety of trivia, details, and real life anecdotes to teach them. He gets the students thinking, fosters self-reflection, and encourages them to apply what they learn."

An accomplished musician, Mr. Hammett often uses his guitar to obtain and keep students' attention. "His enthusiasm and animation are unparalleled." Students love him and his sometimes crazy antics.

Although Mr. Hammett's knowledge is in technology education, when he came to St. Pius X, where they needed a religion teacher, "he developed quickly into a great one."

According to Ms. Eileen Masters, Vice Principal at St. Pius X Regional School, "Mr. Hammett is an exceptional teacher in every way. He adds fun and excitement to every lesson. He is very interested in the students and they know it." "He is a dynamo who is committed to his students."

Education 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 enhance the curriculum and/or provide enrichment to the student learning process in a school within the City. 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 **October 12, 2007**.

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, Northview, 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 Leni Stern at lstern@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3068.

Parent Tips From the Education Committee

Check with your child's school for summer reading and other assignments. Don't let your children lose out because they do not read and keep up with skills over the summer, as this makes going back to school in the fall very stressful. If they haven't brought something home, don't hesitate to check with your child's school. Check the Prince George's County School System website for information on summer reading and other work at www.pgcps.org.

Code Corner

The Code Compliance office is grateful to all our residents who maintain their properties according to the City and County Codes. During recent storms, residents were instrumental in helping City staff clean up the debris. To complete the job, we would appreciate it if you could please take a look at the areas where the storm debris was stacked and rake and bag the remaining residue.

Spring and summer bring many residents into their yards to cut grass and trim shrubbery. For your convenience, we are including answers to some of the more frequent yard maintenance questions we receive:

Blowing grass into the street – All grass clippings and yard waste must be bagged or bundled and placed by the curb for Wednesday pickup. Grass **CANNOT** be blown into the street or storm drains. (Sec. 10-2 (a) & 22-2)

Edging sidewalks and other public areas – Property owners are required to keep the sidewalks clear of any grass or weeds. Please trim the grass back to the edge of all sidewalks and curbs. (Sec. 15-2, 22-18)

Cutting grass – Residents are required to keep the growth of all grass and weeds below eight inches or the City will contract to have the grass cut and bill the property owner. (Sec. 15-2, 3 & 4)

Trimming shrubs – All landscaping of premises shall be maintained in an orderly state with lawns and bushes trimmed and free of overgrowth, premises shall be free from dead trees or shrubs. Corner lots have special restrictions that prohibit obstructions (bushes, trees, etc.) being placed on the corner of the lot that are over three feet in height, as these may cause unsafe traffic situations. (Sec. 5-7(b) & 15)

Failure to comply with all of the above regulations can result in a Municipal Infraction that carries a \$100 fine. In some cases, the City has the authority and will hire a contractor to come onto the property to correct the problem. When that happens, the resident is billed for the service. Non-payment will result in a lien on the property. Please help us to keep YOUR City beautiful.

Code Change!!

Recently a change was made to Chapter 5 of the City Code that addresses driveway maintenance. The new section of Code requires that residents keep their driveways in good repair. The Code Compliance Officers will be looking for driveways that have holes or cracks. Especially noticeable will be those with grass growing through the cracks. Please survey your driveway and make the necessary repairs.

4th of July Traffic Information

PARKING

Handicapped parking ONLY is available with proper identification in the main parking lot at Allen Pond Park located off of Northview Drive.

Public Parking is available at the Mitchellville Road Soccer Fields (beginning at 4 p.m.) and on side streets.

Parking is prohibited along the Enfield Chase side of Northview Drive from Health Center Drive to Mitchellville Road.

A drop-off zone will be set up along Northview Drive from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Individuals are asked to unload their vehicles and then immediately remove their vehicle from the drop-off zone. Unattended vehicles will be ticketed and towed.

"EXIT TRAFFIC PLAN" - IN EFFECT FROM 9:30 P.M. UNTIL 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.

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 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 the City of Bowie and Prince George's County Police Officers as changes may occur.

*Than you for your cooperation in helping to make this event smooth and successful.
For additional information, please contact City Hall at 301-809-3011.*

Dog Days of Summer

The heat of summer creates some special concerns for pets. Please remember, like a child, pets are reliant upon their adult caregivers. Keep your pet safe and remember that all pets must be provided with fresh water and shelter from the elements. They cannot be left chained and unsupervised. Taking your pet in the car can be life-threatening, especially in the summer. Pets should never be left alone in an automobile. On an 85-degree day, for example, even with the windows slightly open, the temperature inside a car can climb to 102 degrees in 10 minutes, and to 120 degrees in 30 minutes.

It is important to remember that if your pet does get overheated, you must lower his/her 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 your pet drink small amounts of cool water, or lick ice cubes.
- Get your pet to a veterinarian right away -- it could save his/her life.

All pet owners should know that cruelty to animals can result in fines and misdemeanor or felony charges. Please call the Animal Control Office at 301-809-3002 if you see a pet that you think is in danger.

Enjoy the Ride at the Skate Park

As many of you know, the City has built a 10,000 square foot concrete Skate Park in Allen Pond Park. The facility offers both street and vert skating elements including a 4' - 9' deep bowl for experienced skaters and an exciting 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 is open for both skateboard and in-line skating and is sure to please all skill levels. The use of bicycles is not permitted.

Facility users are asked to do their part to keep the facility clean and free of trash by placing all trash in proper trash receptacles. Excessive trash found in and around the facility may lead to temporary and unannounced facility closures. Skaters are also reminded that you must wear your helmet with chin-strap secured and possess a Skate Park I.D. Card to skate at this facility. Violators are subject to a \$100 Municipal Infraction and may be permanently banned from using the facility. Special events, facility closures, and general announcements are listed on the City website, under Leisure Activities, City Parks, Skate Park.

Register to Use the Skate Park

All facility users are required to possess a Skate Park User Identification Card and comply with all facility rules while skating at this facility. A Skate Park User I.D. Card will be issued to individuals who have registered with the City and signed a participant agreement. The cost for registering is \$10. Registration information may be obtained from the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org or from the City Gymnasium, City Hall, or the Allen Pond Park Boathouse* (*Saturdays and Sundays only, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.).

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

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 28, 2007. The Market is held next to the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts building at 15200 Annapolis Road. For more information, please call 301-809-3076.

Upcoming Special Events

July 8 "Community Day"

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 12 "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 16 "Agriculture Awareness Day"

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

October 21 "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.



2007 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.

- June 30** **Capital Sound**
257th Army Band
**Big Band Performance 2 - 3 p.m.*
- July 7** **Capital Tuba Euphonium**
Quartet, 257th Army Band
**Concert Performance 2 - 3 p.m.*
- July 14** **Project Natale**
Jazz
- July 21** **Redstone**
Classic Rock/Oldies
- July 28** **Beach Bumz Band**
Beach Music
- Aug. 4** **Jericho Bridge**
Bluegrass
- Aug. 11** **Mike & the ECB**
Latin/Swing
- Aug. 18** **Moonlighters**
Blues/Swing/Jazz
- Aug. 25** **Homespun Ceilidh Band**
Celtic
- Sept. 1** **2nd Coming**
Jazz

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



2007 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.

- July 1** **US Air Force Band Silver**
Wings
Country
- July 8** **Bay Jazz Project**
Contemporary Jazz
- July 15** **Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition**
Bluegrass
- July 22** **The Winstons**
Motown
- July 29** **Rock 'n Roll Relics**
Oldies
- Aug. 5** **The David Wayne Band**
Country
- Aug. 12** **US Naval Academy Electric**
Brigade
Rock Ensemble
- Aug. 19** **US Army Field Band**
Volunteers
Rock Ensemble
- Aug. 26** **US Army Field Band Soldiers**
Chorus
Choral Performance
- Sept. 2** **David Bach**
Contemporary Jazz
- Sept. 9** **US Naval Academy Concert**
Band
Salute to America Concert
Concert Performance

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

Enjoy Summer Fun at the City Gym

Back to School Bash

The City Gymnasium will conduct its annual "Back to School Bash" on **Saturday, August 18, 2007** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The free event is for children ages 5 through 12 years. The Bash will feature games, crafts, food, face painting, moon bounce, giveaways and more! In addition, we will feature a parent resource area that will have information on education activities, health issues, athletic events and registration, and other related children's happenings. The first 200 children will receive free back to school supplies.

We are currently looking for vendors for the parent resource area. If you have a product or activity that relates to children, we will provide a space and table free of charge. To register for space or for additional information, please call 301-809-2388.

Summer Teen Slam

Our annual "Summer Teen Slam" will be held on **Friday, July 20, 2007** from 6 to 10 p.m. This terrific evening of fun and games will feature dodge ball, an obstacle course endurance run, volleyball, a trick shooting competition, a two on two parent/teen competition and more. We will also distribute information on social issues facing teens in their daily lives. A DJ will provide music, and refreshments will be on sale. Winners of all competitions will receive awards, and door prizes will be given away each hour. The cost of the event is \$5.00. Preregistration for competitions is required. Please contact Phyllis Berger at 301-809-2388 to register or for additional information.

Summer Volleyball Clinic

A Women's Summer Volleyball Clinic will be held at the Bowie Gym **July 16 - August 13, 2007** on Monday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. It will feature a beginners clinic, as well as one for more advanced players. Registration for the clinic is \$55.00. Please call either Millie Wilson at 301-262-3303 or Sandy Lundahl at 301-262-1398.

Summer Tournament and Camps

- **Prince George's Metro Steelers Basketball Tournament July 7 - 8.** For information, contact Anthony Fludd at 301-254-2543 or PGMETROSTEELERS@aol.com.
- **Hoopkidz Basketball Camp July 23 - 27.** Boys and girls ages 3 - 13. For information, contact 1-888-466-7549 or 240-462-9284 or info@hoopkidz.com, or visit www.hoopkidz.com.
- **Todd Bozeman Basketball School Camp July 30 - August 3.** Boys and girls ages 6 - 12. For information, contact TBBS@aol.com or visit www.toddbozemanbasketballschoo.com.

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

Campfire Stories at Whitemarsh

Campfire stories at Whitemarsh Park are a great way to have fun, learn about nature, and meet new people. There is a new story each evening. Please register in advance. It's free and everyone is invited to enjoy the fun!

July 28 at 6:45 p.m. "Lost in the Woods"
August 11 at 6:45 p.m. "Make Way for Ducklings"

For more information and to register, please call 301-809-3086.

Bowie Youth & Family Services Offers Support

301-809-3033

In our efforts to meet the needs of the community, Bowie Youth & Family Services offers counseling services to families with children in the home who are under 18 years of age and live in the Bowie area. Many of us experience concerns within our own family that may be eased by the help of a professional. If you have concerns about your children or other family problems, please call. We have highly qualified and experienced counselors that will work with you to develop appropriate solutions.

Groups

The second week of July, a group for women called "Women as Caretakers" will be held at City Hall. If interested, call Karen Katrinic at 301-809-3033 for further information and registration. The following groups are planned for the fall: Parenting Education; Divorce/Separation groups for adults and children; Social Skills for elementary children; and Girls Count for high school girls. Please call if you have interest in any of these groups.

Prevention

The City is fortunate to have a Prevention Coordinator that works with Bowie Youth & Family Services. This individual develops and promotes safe and drug-free activities for youth. We encourage the citizens in our community to participate in the Community Prevention Network to help in developing a community that does outreach to all of its young people. Your input is important and welcomed. Please call Prevention Coordinator Andra Berry at 301-809-3033 for more information.

Teen Job Bank

Bowie Teens - Want some extra spending money? Residents often need help with jobs like babysitting, snow shoveling, lawn and yard work, housework, etc. You must be 13-18 years old to sign up. Go to the City's website to locate a Job Bank application and waiver form for your completion. To be placed in the databank, the forms must be submitted by mail to the following address: Youth Services Job Bank, City Hall, 2614 Kenhill Drive, Bowie, MD 20715.

Bowie Residents - If you are a resident interested in obtaining the services of a teen, log onto the City's website and complete the waiver and job request form and mail them to Youth Services at 2614 Kenhill Drive, Bowie, MD 20715. You will be sent a list of teens that match your request. For feedback and quality control, staff will call you to follow-up on your satisfaction with the work and the teen(s) you hired.

City Committee Vacancies

Volunteers are needed for several City Committees: Community Recreation Committee, Arts Committee, Education Committee, Community Outreach Committee and Diversity Committee. Information on how to apply for membership can be found on the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org.

Imagine An Hour That Impacts A Lifetime - Imagine Mentoring

The Teen Mentoring Program, created and staffed by the Community Prevention Network (CPN), Bowie High School, and a team of remarkable volunteers, is now in its sixth year. The program serves students at Bowie High School by providing the support and encouragement of an adult mentor for the duration of the academic year. Students are recruited from the community and nominated by school faculty. The only criteria is that they must attend Bowie High, preferably in the 9th or 10th grade, have a desire to participate in the mentoring program, and be a student who is likely to benefit academically and/or emotionally from the support of an adult volunteer.

The Community Prevention Network plans to expand this program next year and to build upon all that has been learned thus far. The feedback from all involved is very positive and reflective of the research regarding the value of mentoring relationships for both the young and the young at heart.

A University of Connecticut study concluded: *“Parents are the most important influence on young people’s lives. But parents often need help. Mentoring offers parents the support of one more healthy, caring one-on-one relationship that fosters their child’s healthy growth. Mentoring helps kids. Mentoring helps parents. Mentoring helps us all. Mentoring influences lives. Mentoring makes lives better. Mentoring makes life better.”*

The Teen Mentoring Program is currently seeking adult mentors and students, who will be ninth graders at Bowie High School in the 2007-2008 school year, to participate in the program in the upcoming year. Applications for mentors and students are available at City Hall, online at the City’s website, and by contacting Andra Berry, Prevention Coordinator, at 301-809-3080 or mentor@cityofbowie.org.

Benefits At A Glance

Mentored children and youth ...

- improve school attendance.
- increase communication.
- take more healthy risks.
- are more enthusiastic.
- improve eye contact.
- decrease hostility.
- improve peer interaction.
- reduce school detention.
- improve appearance.
- pay better attention.
- strengthen self-esteem.
- show more self-control.
- are more responsible.
- improve schoolwork.
- tolerate frustrations.
- follow directions better.

Allen Pond Boathouse

Hours of Operation and Rental Rates

This season, the Allen Pond Boathouse will be open Saturdays and Sundays, from May 5 - October 7. **Hours of operation are 11 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.** The Boathouse may be closed on days of inclement weather. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Additional rules apply and may be obtained from the City’s website, www.cityofbowie.org, or from the Allen Pond Park Boathouse. Rental payment is accepted in cash only. Credit or debit card payments or personal checks are not accepted. Identification is required for the City of Bowie resident rate. For additional information, please call 301-809-3011.

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

	<u>Bowie Resident</u>	<u>Nonresident</u>
Canoe	\$5 for 1/2 hour \$7 for 1 hour	\$10 for 1/2 hour \$15 for 1 hour
Paddleboat	\$5 for 1/2 hour	\$10 for 1/2 hour

News of the City Museums



Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday Time Travelers at Belair Mansion

Tuesday, July 9, 10 - 11:30 a.m. at Belair Mansion, 12207 Tulip Grove Drive. Time Travelers will explore Belair Mansion's art and object collection ... and make a craft to take home. For ages 5 - 11. Reservations required. \$3 per child.

History Day at Home

Saturday, July 21, 12 - 4 p.m. The City of Bowie Museums celebrate Prince George's County history! Special themed bus tours throughout the County. For more information, please call 301-464-5291. Free.

Hands On History Day

Sunday, July 22, 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion, 12207 Tulip Grove Drive. Try churning butter, making a book, and spinning. Sample 18th century snacks and try a 19th century game. For ages 4 - 11. Free.

Tuesday Time Travelers at Belair Stable

Tuesday, July 24, 10 - 11:30 a.m. at Belair Stable, 2835 Belair Drive. Time Travelers will visit the Belair Stable for a look at "horse history" and farm life ... and complete a take-home craft. For ages 5 - 11. Reservations required. \$3 per child.

Kids Kaboose

Thursdays, July 26 and August 23, 10 - 11:30 a.m. at Bowie Train Station/Children's Heritage Center, 8606 Chestnut Avenue, Old Bowie. A railroad morning for children -- crafts, stories and fun! Free.

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, please 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 the active adult 55 years and older.

Wellness Program

The Center is ready to meet the needs of the "Active Adult 55+". Health programs include weight management, belly dancing, fitness room, nutrition classes, monthly screenings, a certified massage therapist, and special support groups.

Leisure activities include table tennis, billiards, and a shuffleboard table. Games include bridge, pinochle, mahjong, scrabble, and chess. Other activities include exercise programs, discussion groups, and socials.

The Center offers various programs and lectures on different health related topics. Some of the topics include arthritis, breast cancer, vision, diabetes, and heart related topics.

This is your invitation to stop in and take a tour of this great facility!

Active Adult 55+
Active Adult 55+

Women Only

A fun fitness class is growing at the Bowie Senior Center. "Belly Dancing for Beginners Plus" is a comfortably-clothed exercise that provides many benefits. The class begins Tuesday, June 26, and runs for six weeks, from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. Registration is required. Fee, \$10 for residents, and \$12 for non-residents.

Self-Defense Class

**July 10 and 12
6 - 8:30 p.m.**

A two-session beginner's course in self-defense will be offered at the Senior Center. Enrollment is open to both men and women 55 and older. Registration is required. Fee, \$40.

Open Mic Social

**Wednesdays
12:30 p.m.**

Do you desire to show your talents or skills? Join us as we present Open Mic Social every Wednesday this summer. Please register and pick-up the Ten Commandments of Open Mic Social.

**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.

Grandparent - Grandchild Day

**August 22
12:30 - 2 p.m.**

A fun-filled program including a magic show and crafts. For ages 6 - 12. Please call the Center to register. Fee, \$2 per child.

Upcoming Events

Independence Day

Wednesday, July 4,
2007

City Offices Closed
No Refuse or Recycling
Collection

Labor Day

Monday, September 3,
2007

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Collection

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request. Call the Public
Information Office at 301-
809-3032 or TTY/TDD
301-262-5013

Think About Christmas In July?

Volunteers are needed to assist with the planning of City holiday events in December. If you are interested in getting involved with the Holiday House Decorating Contest, or the City Tree Lighting, or perhaps a new event, please contact the Community Services Department at shein@cityofbowie.org or call 301-809-3013.

City Environmental Infrastructure Action Strategy Plan

The Department of Planning and Economic Development is working on the City's first-ever Environmental Infrastructure Action Strategy Plan, a guidance document that sets forth specific action plans for environmental enhancement, restoration, preservation and conservation projects, such as tree planting and erosion control improvements on City-owned property. The Plan also includes public education and outreach recommendations that will encourage residents to become more aware of current environmental issues and will encourage individual actions that will improve the environment. The City Council is currently reviewing the draft Action Strategy Plan and will be holding a public hearing to approve the document within the next several months. The approved plan will guide the City in undertaking future pollution prevention and environmental stewardship projects. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Planning Department at 301-809-3047.

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