

Bowie Spotlight

The Official Newsletter of the City of Bowie

September - October 2007

Bowie International Festival

Explore Countries and Cultures through Food, Music, and the Arts!

Entertainers, artists, crafters, food, a parade of cultures, and children's activities will fill Allen Pond Park with experiences that will take you "Around the World in Just One Day" at the Bowie International Festival. Bring your family and enjoy the fun on **Saturday, October 6, 2007** from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Rain date is Sunday, October 7.)

The Festival will offer entertainment on two stages, food from the far reaches of Asia to right here in our own backyard, and children's activities ranging from mask making to international flags and games. Children can pick up a passport at any children's activity booth or the event information booth and participate in various activities while accumulating passport stamps. Redeem the passport at the end of the trip for an international prize.

The 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? Viewers will enjoy learning about clothing from around the world. If you are interested in wearing clothing representative of another culture in this parade, please contact Leni Stern at 301-809-3068 or lstern@cityofbowie.org, before September 14.

Entertainers include Eagles of America Folklore Dance Group, representing traditional Mexican and Aztec Dances; Annapolis School of Irish Dance; Midnight Storm Hip Hop; Lyman Ukrainian Dance Ensemble; and White Thunder Drum, demonstrating the traditions of Native American dance, music, and ceremony.

Join us for a day of celebration and exploration. For a detailed entertainment schedule and further information, please go to www.cityofbowie.org (click on Leisure Activities in the upper right-hand corner and scroll down to Special Events). You can also contact Community Services at 301-809-3011 or email mreno@cityofbowie.org.

Northview Elementary

School Is Open

Please Drive Carefully!

With the new school year upon us, it is important to remember to be vigilant while driving through school areas. This diligence is especially important with the opening of the new Northview Elementary School, located at 3700 Northview Drive. Both drivers and pedestrians alike will be adjusting to a new routine and traffic pattern, so please drive cautiously. The Bowie Police Department will be conducting traffic enforcement near schools throughout the City to ensure that students start the year safely.

Best wishes to Northview Elementary School Principal Judith Bissett and her staff as they welcome their new school family!

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Civil War Era Fair At Belair Mansion

The Atlantic Guard Soldier's Aid Society (AGSAS) and the City of Bowie Museums will recreate a Civil War era fair at Belair Mansion on **September 8, 2007**. Such "Sanitary Fairs" were put on by both Northern and Southern factions during the War Between the States to raise funds for soldier aid.

Entertainment and "booths" for the enjoyment of the public will offer a chance to enjoy "hands-on" 19th century fair activities. Come have your fortune told, or "fish" for a prize! Savor the tastes of the mid-19th century by sampling "Turkish Sherbet" from "Jacob's Well", or baked goods from the "Bakers Dozen." Think you know about the Old Woman in the Shoe? What do you think she might have done with all those children, in order to help raise money? Enjoy the deep mystery of the "Orientalism booth", or marvel at period "Tableaux Vivants," where the AGSAS members create a "living picture" while a narration is given. Purchase a handmade, period souvenir to take home.

Admission to the Fair is free; there is a charge for some items. Coupon books will be available at the door. In the spirit of the original intentions of such fairs, proceeds from coupon sales will be donated to a preservation project. Last year's event funds were donated to the restoration of Jefferson Davis' home, "Beauvoir," nearly destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

Hours for the Fair are 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Belair Mansion is located at 12207 Tulip Grove Drive. For further information, call 301-809-3089 or email museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

Parking On City Streets

Over the last few weeks, there has been a great deal of discussion about parking right wheels to the curb. This requirement can be found in Maryland Vehicle Law and Prince George's County Ordinances. The City is currently considering adopting the regulation into its ordinances. While the law itself is not well-known, the reasoning behind it is fairly basic. The law requires vehicles to be parked right wheels to curb or in the case of a one-way street, parallel to the curb in the direction of authorized traffic movement. All this really means is that your vehicle must be in the same direction as the flow of traffic. If a vehicle is facing the incorrect way, then the assumption is that the driver must have traveled on the wrong side of the road to get into that position. Additionally, the driver will travel on the wrong side of the road again when it is time to depart. While this may not be a large risk on a quiet side street; it can be extremely dangerous on a regular thoroughfare. Please be assured that if the City does incorporate this law into its ordinances, the Bowie Police Department will conduct an extensive educational program before any enforcement activities take place.

Community Outreach Grants Awarded

The Community Outreach Committee has selected three organizations to receive this year's grants, for outreach and services to City residents. The total of grants awarded is \$10,000.

Professional Child Care Providers of Prince George's County, Inc. will provide an intensive training program to prepare child care providers located in Bowie to accept and meet the needs of special needs students.

Bowie Therapeutic Nursery Center is a "State licensed therapeutic nursery and psychiatric rehabilitation program," which serves pre-school children with mental health needs. The grant will help cover tuition for a Bowie student in need of services at this very specialized school. Costs for the various services required by these students are extremely high and most families cannot afford them.

Mitchellville Community School of the Arts will provide a music program for preschool students attending the YMCA in Bowie.

The Fun is Just Beginning at the City Gym

Jazzie Ladies of the Bowie Gymnasium invite you to join the Fall and Winter **Aerobics Class**. There will be eight-week sessions starting October 2, 2007, and classes will run through May 2008. Classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 - 11 a.m. Registration starts September 3, 2007. The cost per session is \$25. Come on out and have some fun that makes you feel and look good!

Daytime Volleyball will resume on Wednesday, September 5, 2007. Sessions will take place every Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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

Thanks for Donations to the Bowie Food Pantry

The Community Outreach Committee would like to thank you for making donations to the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry. The Committee sponsored donation sites at the Prince George's Stadium and the Sunday Sunset Concerts this season.

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, 3120 Belair Drive. It is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. There are also collection containers near the reception desk at City Hall and in the lobby of the Senior Center, where you may drop non-perishable food items.

In addition to donations of non-perishable foods, the Pantry is always in need of personal items such as soap and deodorant, baby items (such as diapers and wipes) and paper goods, including tissues, bathroom tissue and paper towels. School supplies are also needed at this time of year, to assist students with being prepared for their classes.

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



Young Person's Art Gallery



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

September
Heather Hills
Elementary School

October
Whitehall Elementary School

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. Galleries are open weekdays, 8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 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 local youth.

Visions of Bowie Gallery Artwork showing various artists' perspectives of Bowie is displayed in this gallery, located in the Multipurpose Room. This gallery, which rotates every six months, will change in October.

Hall Gallery Located along the main hallways of City Hall, this gallery is for adult artists in the Bowie community, and rotates monthly.

Conference Room Gallery This gallery exhibits the work of local artists in three conference rooms.

If you are interested in, or have questions about any of these galleries, please contact the Arts and Education Committees' liaison Leni Stern at lstern@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3068.

Arts Directory The Bowie Arts Committee is developing a directory of local artists and arts organizations. It will include visual artists and arts organizations, performing artists and groups, as well as local galleries, studios, classes available and other arts related offerings. For registration and information, please visit the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org, under City Committees/Arts Committee/Arts Directory, or contact the Arts Committee at lstern@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3068.

Arts Grants Applications for Grants for the Arts will be available this fall for artists or groups of artists, in visual or performing arts, for projects that include an interactive arts experience for Bowie residents. The Arts Committee is seeking projects that provide an opportunity for residents to be involved in some area of the arts through drama, painting, instrumental music, pantomime or other creative experiences in the arts. Applications and information will be available soon on the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org, under Arts Committee.

2007 Arts Committee Poster Contest Winners

This year's Arts Committee Poster Contest theme was "Helping Hands in Our Community." The contest was open to students in first grade through high school.

Winning posters from the 2007 Arts Committee Poster Contest were on display in the Young Person's Art Gallery during the month of July. Ribbons were placed on the artwork as it hung in the exhibit, and students were awarded certificates and prizes at a reception for the artists and their families on August 1. First place winners were awarded \$25, second place \$15, and third place \$10.

Congratulations to the 2007 Poster Contest Winners:

Name	School	Prize	Grade
Katherine Wolff	Home schooled	1st Place	1st-2nd
Jaclyn Lee	Kenilworth Elementary School	2nd Place	1st-2nd
Adia Chaney	Rockledge Elementary School	3rd Place	1st-2nd
Rachel Bunger	St. Pius X Regional School	1st Place	3rd-4th
Mitchell Ward	Home schooled	2nd Place	3rd-4th
Kristoffer Recio	Benjamin Tasker Middle School	1st Place	5th-6th
Haley Ward	Home schooled	2nd Place	5th-6th
Caroline Miller	Home schooled	3rd Place	5th-6th
Jazmin Kienas	Samuel Ogle Middle School	1st Place	7th-8th
Adam Ward, Jr.	Home schooled	2nd Place	7th-8th
Jake Miller	Home schooled	3rd Place	7th-8th
Alice Chang	Eleanor Roosevelt High School	1st Place	High School

Beautification Awards

Program

It's official! All of this year's entered yards have been judged, scores have been tallied, and the winners are ...

Well, you'll just have to attend the City's Beautification Awards Ceremony on **Thursday, October 4, 2007** at the Bowie Senior Center, where the results will be revealed! A slide presentation and refreshments will begin at 7 p.m. and the awards presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Beautification and Tree Preservation Committee would like to thank all those who beautified their yards this year and who chose to enter this wonderful City-wide program.

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

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 \$100 savings bond, and a special lunch with their principal. Thanks 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.



Susan Bailey

Susan Bailey of High Bridge Elementary School is the June Teacher of the Month.

Ms. Bailey was nominated by parent Monica Johnson-Hall, who describes this teacher as one who is "here to truly support the children." She is

credited with changing students' behavior, and helping a student who did not communicate, to be able to speak in sentences. She adapts her learning style to meet the needs of her students.

In addition to working with students, Ms. Bailey is very open to working with parents to teach them techniques for working with their children, and helping them with other concerns as well.

High Bridge Elementary School Principal, Ms. Pamela Felton-Redmon, indicates that

Ms. Bailey's "love for her students is observed in her teaching, ordering the appropriate materials to meet individual needs, and providing personal items from her home to enhance the academic environment of her students." Ms. Bailey is very knowledgeable about the "developmental growth of her students and continues to keep abreast of new trends in special education." "Her students' parents are welcome in the class and a partnership is established throughout the year."

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.

Bowie Ice Arena

301-809-3090



Do You Recycle?

- Newspapers
- Cardboard
- Magazines and Junk Mail
- Metal Cans
- Glass Food and Beverage Containers
- Leaves
- Grass Clippings
- Branches
- Tires*
- Plastic Bottles
- Washers, Dryers and Other Appliances*
- Bicycles, Lawn Mowers, Grills, Water Heaters, etc.*

**Must be scheduled for special pickup. Call 301-809-2344.*

Bowie's recycling program includes collection of all of these items at curbside.

Recycle -- It's good for the environment and it **saves** the City about **\$480,000** per year in landfill fees!



Back to School Group Lessons Group Lessons will be offered during the month of September. Classes are offered for children 18 months of age through adults. The fee for Bowie residents is \$42 (nonresident fee is \$47) and includes four half-hour lessons, skate rental during the lessons, and a four-admission public session pass. Class times vary so please call for the schedule or visit the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org and click on Leisure Activities.

Series 1 Group Lessons Registration will be held September 15-30, from 12 - 7 p.m. at the Ice Arena. Registration must be made in person by a parent or legal guardian (cash or check only). Classes begin the first week of October and continue for seven weeks. Classes are scheduled on Thursday afternoons, Friday mornings and Saturday mornings. The series includes seven half-hour lessons, skate rental during the lessons, and a seven-admission public session pass. The fee for Bowie residents is \$80 (nonresident fee is \$85).

Family discounts and multi-class discounts are available.

Public Sessions The schedule of public skating is available on the City's website or at the Ice Arena. Group rates, family sessions, birthday parties and frequent skater discount cards are available. Please call the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090 for more information.

Halloween on Ice Party The annual Halloween Party is scheduled for **Saturday, October 27**, from 1 - 3 p.m. Wear a costume or bring a canned good for FREE admission (skate rental fee is \$2.50). Costume contest, door prizes, skating, music, craft and treat bags for all kids in costume. Don't miss out on this spooky good time!

\$1 Off Admission
Any Public Skating Session
Bowie Ice Arena
 Expires 10/31/07
 (Not valid during DJ session
 or with any other discounts)

\$5 Off Series 1 Group
Lesson Registration
Bowie Ice Arena
 Expires 09/30/07
 (Not valid with any other discounts)

The Skate Park Needs Your Help

As many skaters know, in recent months, the Bowie Skate Park has been a target for graffiti vandals. The City Police Department has an open investigation at this time and would appreciate any information skaters may have on who may be responsible. All information provided will be kept confidential and should be reported to the City Police Department's Anonymous Tip Line at 301-575-2008.

Everyone is encouraged to follow the Park rules. Please report all suspicious activity or violations to a Park Ranger! Vandalism of this facility will lead to facility closures; therefore skaters are encouraged to become the eyes and ears of the Skate Park and report inappropriate activity to the City.

Be A Part of the Great SK8 Giveaway!

The City of Bowie Skate Park has been selected as one of 100 skate parks across the country to participate in the Vitaball® Great SK8 Giveaway! This program benefits not only the skaters but also the City. This program has a component that includes the DESIGN YOUR NEXT DECK contest, allowing kids from across the country to design their own custom skate deck online, with the chance to win the design on a brand new skate board. Each week Vitaball® will give away five custom skate decks to kids participating in the contest.

Have your kids visit www.greatSK8giveaway.com. Once they have designed their deck and are ready to submit the design, you must vote for your local park. Select "Local Park" when you are asked how you heard about the program, then select "Bowie Skate Park" from the drop-down menu. By doing this, the Bowie Skate Park is now eligible to receive grant monies in the amount of \$10,000 in ramps or \$5,000 in cash that could be put back into the Bowie Skate Park. Votes are compiled by Vitaball®, and parks that have the most votes at the end of each month will be awarded grant monies.

*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 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. A full-color market brochure is available online at www.cityofbowie.org or at the market.

Upcoming Special Events

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.



City of Bowie "Community Needs" Survey

The City of Bowie has been designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as an Entitlement Community and is eligible for direct Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. The City must develop a five-year plan through input and recommendations from residents, neighborhood groups, businesses, developers, and public and private sector service providers.

Please complete the following "Community Needs" survey, which identifies housing, community, and economic development needs within the City of Bowie. It is your input that will guide our planning process and produce the programs and projects that benefit our communities in the most productive ways.

Are you, or is your agency, a: (circle or indicate correct response; may be more than one)

City resident

Business

Nonprofit service provider

Government agency

Other _____

General Information:

Briefly describe your organization's work in the community and, if applicable, estimate what percentage of your services benefit City of Bowie residents. If you live or work within the City limits, please provide any information that you think would be useful in the preparation of this Plan.

Please rank (circle) each of the following needs as follows:

H = High Need M = Moderate Need L = Low Need N = No Need

Housing Needs:

Affordable Ownership Housing (condos, townhouses, single family)	H	M	L	N
Affordable Rental Housing	H	M	L	N
Emergency Assistance (emergency repairs, prevention of utility cutoff)	H	M	L	N
Homeownership Assistance (down payment, low-interest loans)	H	M	L	N
Homeownership Retention (foreclosure prevention)	H	M	L	N
Major Home Improvement Assistance (structural, electrical, plumbing)	H	M	L	N
Minor Home Improvement Assistance	H	M	L	N
Rental Housing Repair	H	M	L	N
Energy Conservation/Efficiency Education	H	M	L	N

Surveys must be returned by September 21, 2007

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Community Facilities Improvements:

Community Centers	H	M	L	N
Libraries	H	M	L	N
Parks and Recreation Facilities	H	M	L	N
Senior Center	H	M	L	N
Youth Centers	H	M	L	N

Community Services:

Child Care	H	M	L	N
Credit Counseling	H	M	L	N
Fair Housing Assistance	H	M	L	N
Crime Awareness/Prevention	H	M	L	N
Medical Services	H	M	L	N
Mental Health Services	H	M	L	N
Dental Services	H	M	L	N
Legal Assistance (immigration, eviction, discrimination)	H	M	L	N
Senior Services	H	M	L	N
Services for Disabled	H	M	L	N
Substance Abuse Treatment	H	M	L	N
Tenant/Landlord Dispute Resolution	H	M	L	N
Transportation	H	M	L	N
Services for Victims of Domestic Violence/Child Abuse	H	M	L	N
Youth Services (recreation, counseling, mentoring)	H	M	L	N
Services for Homebound Persons	H	M	L	N
Housing Counseling and Case Management for Low-Income Renters	H	M	L	N

Infrastructure and Public Improvements:

Handicap Access	H	M	L	N
Sidewalks	H	M	L	N
Street Improvements (repaving, curbs and gutters)	H	M	L	N
Streetlights	H	M	L	N
Street Beautification	H	M	L	N
Traffic Signals	H	M	L	N
Crosswalks/Markings	H	M	L	N
Pedestrian Safety/Education	H	M	L	N

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Economic Development:

Improved Appearance of Business Districts	H	M	L	N
Job Training and Job Placement Services	H	M	L	N
Rehabilitation of Older Commercial/Industrial Buildings	H	M	L	N
Loans to Businesses (startup, expansion, acquisition)	H	M	L	N
Business Incubator	H	M	L	N
Business Startup Training	H	M	L	N

Homeless Facilities and Services:

Counseling and Referrals	H	M	L	N
Emergency Food and Clothing	H	M	L	N
Emergency Shelters	H	M	L	N
Employment Training for Homeless	H	M	L	N
Substance Abuse Treatment for the Homeless	H	M	L	N
Transitional Housing	H	M	L	N
Permanent Supportive Housing	H	M	L	N

Services and Programs Not Listed Above:

Comments or Suggestions:

Thank You!

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Grant Contracts and CDBG Administrator
2614 Kenhill Drive
Bowie, Maryland 20715

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City of Bowie "Community Needs" Survey

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Good Afternoon:

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with the City concerning needs in our community. Your input is important and will assist us in developing appropriate programs that will benefit our residents.

After you have completed the survey, please fold it in half, tape it closed, and mail it back to City Hall by **September 21, 2007.**

Thank you for your contribution.

Bowie Budget in Brief

July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

Activity	Highlights of Adopted Budget
Revenues and Other Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City real and personal property tax rates unchanged from last year. • Income tax revenue increased by 5% and Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax revenue increased 2% over last year. • Design and engineering for new City Hall (\$2,105,000).
Public Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3.1 million to operate the City's police department. County contract police officers were phased out on July 31, 2007. • Continued support for Bowie Volunteer Fire Department: \$81,500 annual operating support plus \$35,100 toward purchase of needed equipment.
Community Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of Parks Maintenance Facility (\$535,000 for construction management, site work, furnishings and emergency generator). • Continued commitment of \$80,000 to the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts, contingent upon matching contributions from other sources. • New Code Compliance/Animal Control Supervisor. • New Administrative Office Associate I for Parks and Grounds division.
Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reserve established for the installation of synthetic turf at Murtagh soccer field and dugout covers for Allen Pond softball fields (\$559,000). • Overhaul of dehumidification wheel and restroom renovation at the Bowie Ice Arena (\$107,000). • Construction of trails on Rt. 197 to Northview Drive and Pope's Creek Park (\$121,500) and feasibility study for additional trails along Railroad Avenue (\$50,000). • Church Road Park improvements (\$100,000). • Installation of dugout covers for softball fields at Black Sox Park (\$24,000).
Planning and Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$277,700 in capital spending for Old Town plus \$10,000 in consulting for West Bowie Village to continue revitalization of these areas. • \$57,500 additional funding for revolving loan/grant program in Old Town and West Bowie Village.
Public Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,245,300 for street resurfacing, including \$265,000 for aprons and ramp replacements. • City will sponsor a hazardous waste disposal day.
Water and Sewer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water rate increased \$.21 and sewer rate increased \$.29 per thousand gallons and a \$5 increase in the minimum charge per quarter. • Improvements to the water and wastewater treatment plants (\$1,859,200).

Bowie Budget in Brief

July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

The Big Picture

For the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, City Council authorized \$50,306,400 in total spending from all funds. This number includes some amounts that are simply transferred from one fund to another. Governments use fund accounting to keep different types of revenue and expenditures separate from each other.

Excluding transfers, the total is \$45,210,800 compared to last year's total of \$52,496,800. The \$7.3 million decrease includes \$3.4 million in capital construction of City-owned projects and \$3.9 million for all other operational expenditures.

value of property to be taxed. This year's real property tax rate is \$.352 per \$100 value, and business personal property tax rate is \$.880 per \$100 value, both unchanged from last year.

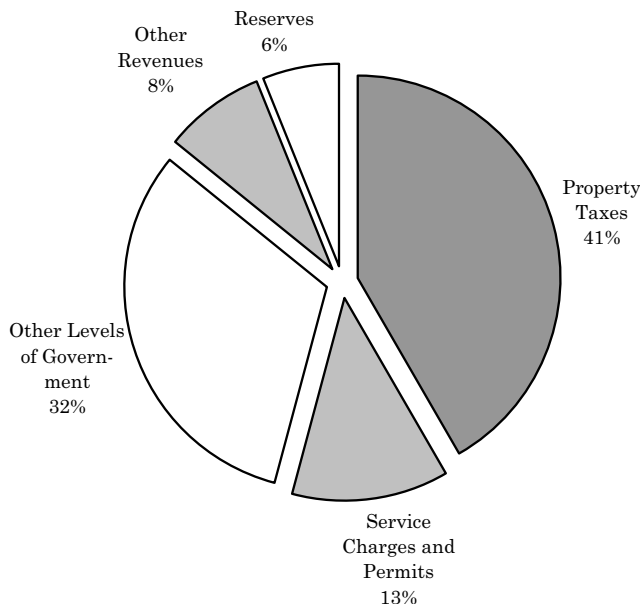
The majority of revenue from **Other Levels of Government** consists of the City's share of State income and motor vehicle taxes. It also includes State grants for youth services and police protection, federal grants for urban development, County rebate of part of the landfill fees paid by the City, and many other smaller amounts. It also includes capital grants such as the State Program Open Space allocation.

Service Charges and Permits include such items as building permits, park use fees, Ice Arena revenues. However, the majority of this revenue refers to water and sewer charges. These charges are paid only by customers of the City of Bowie Water and Sewer System and are used only for costs of operating and maintaining that system. This year's water rates increased from \$2.05 to \$2.26 per thousand gallons, and the sewer surcharge increased from \$2.95 to \$3.24 per thousand gallons, in addition to a \$5.00 increase in the minimum charge.

Other Revenues include interest earnings, rents, donations, sales of recyclable materials, the CATV franchise fee, and other miscellaneous items not classified elsewhere.

Reserves being used to provide funding for the current budget have accumulated over all years of the City's existence, when revenues have exceeded expenditures. In any year, a surplus can occur from unexpected windfall revenues; from a level of expenditures less than budgeted, such as when projects are canceled or delayed; or from funds that have been reserved for a special purpose.

Where the Dollars Come From

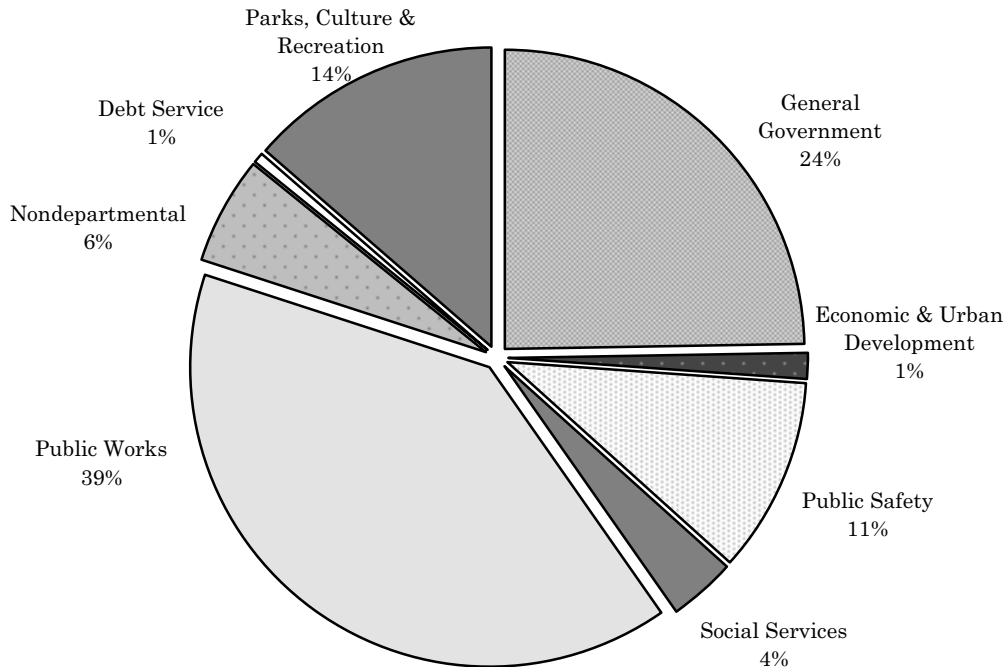


Property Taxes include both real property tax and business personal property tax. City Council sets the tax rates each year as part of the budget process, while the State Department of Assessments and Taxation determines the

Bowie Budget in Brief

July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

Where the Dollars are Spent



General Government includes those functions that relate to the overall business of government: City Council, City Clerk, elections, legal services, public information, planning, etc. It includes administrative functions such as personnel, finance, information technology, maintenance and security of public buildings and grounds.

Economic Development involves efforts to improve the City's business climate. **Urban Development** refers to infrastructure improvements using federal Community Development Block Grant funds and other State and County funding sources. **Public Safety** includes municipal code compliance and animal control in addition to police services and support for the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department. **Social Services** include both the Senior Citizens Center and the Youth Services Bureau.

Public Works includes trash collection and disposal, street maintenance and snow removal, storm water control, and maintenance of vehicles and mobile equipment for all City departments. It also includes the water and waste-

water plants, which serve users of the City of Bowie Water and Sewer System, and are funded only by water and sewer service charges.

Parks, Culture and Recreation includes the City's parks, ball fields and recreational buildings such as the Ice Arena, Bowie Playhouse, and Gymnasium. It also includes coordination of City celebrations and special events, planning and scheduling of recreational offerings, restoration of historic buildings, operation of all City museums, as well as a contribution to support operation of the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts.

The term "**Nondepartmental**" refers to those annual costs that benefit all other City functions. Such items as liability and property insurance and allowances for unexpected contingencies are budgeted under this description, rather than being allocated among the operating departments.

Debt Service includes repayment of principal, interest and fiscal agent fees.

Bowie Budget in Brief

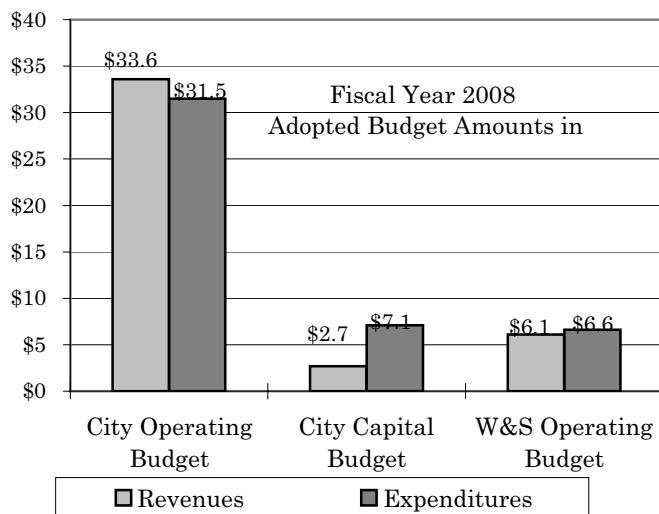
July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

The Budget Process

During the period of January through mid-April 2007, the City Manager and staff prepared the FY 2008 Proposed Budget, taking into account various master plans, Council policy statements, long-term studies, user group requests, volunteer committee recommendations, and staff observations in the field.

Council held five budget work sessions and two public hearings during April and May. The FY 2008 Adopted Budget Ordinance and the companion Capital Improvements Program Resolution were passed on May 29, 2007. The budget is effective for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Operating Budget vs. Capital Budget



The Operating Budget covers day-to-day delivery of City services. It provides for the hours worked by City employees, contract services by non-employees, supplies, minor equipment and other operating costs. In the above graph, it also includes the cost of vehicles, other operating equipment and annual debt service requirements. Differences between expenditures and revenues are to be funded using reserves accumulated in prior years.

The Capital Budget is for the improvement, construction or purchase of major City assets such as buildings, parks, roads or trails. The City uses a six-year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to prioritize and plan for these major projects. The current year's portion of the CIP amounts to \$7,122,100.

Operating Budget Detail

Staffing - The approved budget provides for 319.5 full-time equivalent positions (FTE's). One FTE is equal to one or more employees working a total of 2,080 hours (or 1,950 hours, depending on the job classification). The work hours are budgeted in the General Fund (290.8 FTE) or the Water and Sewer Fund (28.7 FTE).

Types of Expenditures - The General Fund is the largest and most important fund, because it accounts for the delivery of basic municipal services and receives all general-purpose City revenues. General Fund budget expenditures are summarized here by object of expenditure.

Object	Amount	Percent
Salaries & Wages	\$ 17,469,900	51%
Contractual Services	8,343,300	24%
Commodities	2,319,500	7%
Other Charges	1,275,200	4%
Capital Outlay	141,000	--
Transfers	4,766,300	14%
	<u>\$ 34,315,200</u>	<u>100%</u>

Budget Document

The City's detailed budget is available online at the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org.

Code Corner

The Code Compliance office is grateful to all our residents who maintain their properties according to the City and County codes. City Code Compliance Officers are directed to take appropriate action when complaints regarding alleged code violations are received or are observed during routine patrols. Some of the more common violations include:

Yard Maintenance - Residents are required to keep the growth of all grass and weeds below eight inches in height. Please remember that neither grass nor leaves can be blown into the street or storm drains. Leaves, grass and other yard waste must be stored in containers and placed by the curb after 5 p.m. on the day preceding scheduled collections.

Appliances - Most appliances can be disposed of by calling the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344 before noon on Tuesday. These appliances may not be brought to the curb or stored in the front of your home until after 5 p.m. on the day preceding the scheduled Wednesday pickup.

Construction - Virtually all exterior building projects (fences, driveways, decks, etc.) require both County and City permits before commencing work. Failure to obtain these documents will result in the issuance of a Stop Work Order and a fine.

Parking on the Grass - Vehicles must be parked with all four wheels on a fully paved surface.

Failure to comply with the above regulations can result in a Municipal Infraction that carries a \$100 fine or remediation by a City contractor with associated charges. Please help us to keep YOUR City beautiful. The Code Compliance Office can be reached at 301-809-3008.

Bowie Center for the Performing Arts

Upcoming Events

Bowie High School Back to School Night
- September 18, 2007, 6 p.m.

Knights of Harmony Annual Show -
September 29, 2007, 7:30 p.m.
The Knights of Harmony return to the Center for a second year.

Organization of Competitive Bodybuilders

Yorton Cup - October 27, 2007

Special appearance by Chet Yorton, Mr. America and Mr. Universe. For information, contact the Organization of Competitive Bodybuilders at 301-375-9273 or visit www.theocbwebsite.com.

The Bowie Center for the Performing Arts is located at 15200 Annapolis Road. For more information, please contact the Center at 301-805-6880 or gldgeorge@bowiecenter.org.

Bowie Playhouse

Presents

THE BATTLE OF SHALLOWFORD -- 10/19 - 10/28

By Ed Simpson. Directed by Keith Brown. On a quiet Sunday night in October of 1938 the regulars are gathered at Burton Mock's general store in Shallowford, NC. The rest of the world is on the brink of war, but these folks are only interested in local gossip until they turn on the radio and learn that the Martians have invaded! They fall hook, line and sinker for the Orson Welles broadcast and run out to do battle.

Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and a matinee at 2 p.m. on Sunday, 10/21. Presented by Prince George's Little Theatre, 301-937-7458.



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

News of the City Museums



Mark Your Calendar

History Underground! - Second Tuesday Lecture Series
Tuesday, September 11, 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion, 12207 Tulip Grove Drive. County Archaeologist Don Creveling discusses local archaeology projects. Fee.

Doll's Tea Party at Belair Mansion
Saturday, September 15, 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion, 12207 Tulip Grove Drive. Bring your favorite doll to tea...a fun afternoon for ages 4 to 104. Reservations and advance payment required. Fee.

Kids Kaboose
Thursday, September 27, 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.

Fall Fest in Old Bowie
Sunday, September 30, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 8606 Chestnut Avenue, Old Bowie. Enjoy food, fun, crafts, trains and history in the Autumn glory! Free.

"The Prince George's County Genealogical Society Library"
Second Tuesday Lecture Series
Tuesday, October 9, 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion, 12207 Tulip Grove Drive. Topic to be announced. Fee.

Coming in November to Belair Mansion:

"Key Ingredients: America By Food"
 A Maryland Humanities Council/Smithsonian Institute sponsored program. Plan to visit! Look for more information in the next issue of the *Bowie Spotlight*.

*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.

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

Prince George's Community College SAGE Program

Registration

**Tuesday, September 11
10 a.m.**

New classes for fall! You must be 60 years of age or older to attend college classes. All classes are taught at the Bowie Senior Center.

The following highlights some of the new classes for fall: Writing Memoirs, Polymer Clay, Nutrition and Health, Europe Goes Green, Conversational German, Conversational French, Laughter Yoga, Pilates and Brain Gym.

Active Adult 55+
Active Adult 55+

End of Summer Party!

**Friday, September 28
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

The Center will celebrate the end of summer with great food, entertainment and lots of fun. Registration required. Cost: residents \$7, nonresidents \$8.

Fall Cleaning

**Saturday, October 6
8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

An inside Yard Sale at the Center. Cost of a table is \$10. You must be a member of the Center to rent a table. Sign up by Wednesday, October 3.

Fall Pancake Breakfast!

**Friday, October 19
8:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

Um.... can you smell the sausage, eggs and pancakes? Cost: residents \$5, and nonresidents \$6. Sign up by Wednesday, October 17.

**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.

Harvest Festival

**Wednesday, October 31
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

October brings all the colors of fall so it is the perfect time to celebrate! Enjoy lunch and entertainment by Mike McIntyre. Cost: residents \$6, and nonresidents \$7. Costumes optional. Sign up by Wednesday, October 24.

Upcoming Event

City Election

*Tuesday,
November 6, 2007
Polls open 7 a.m. -
8 p.m.*

*Alternative ver-
sions of this
newsletter are
available upon
request. Call the
Public Information
Office at 301-809-
3032 or TTY/TDD
301-262-5013*

Taking Steps To Be Prepared for Medical Emergencies

Being prepared for emergencies means not only having your water and flashlight handy when a storm knocks out power to your home, it can also mean having some basic medical knowledge to help a loved one in the first critical minutes of a medical emergency.

Investing a small amount of time to learn CPR or first aid can reap huge benefits. CPR can mean the difference between life and death for a victim of sudden cardiac arrest. Sudden cardiac arrest can be caused by: heart attack, submersion/near-drowning, trauma, respiratory arrest, stroke and drug overdose. The Bowie Volunteer Fire Department has made CPR training one of its most important outreach priorities. The Department regularly offers a 4-6 hour course in CPR to interested members of the Bowie community at the Pointer Ridge Fire Station. Call 301-390-8255 to register for a class. A small fee is requested to cover BVFD costs. More information about their program is available at the BVFD website at www.bowievfd.org.

The American Red Cross also trains thousands of individuals annually in life-saving skills such as CPR, first aid and water safety training. Classes are held in Hyattsville and Silver Spring. For more information, visit the local ARC website at www.redcrossnca.org or call 240-487-2100. Emergencies can happen anytime and anywhere. Be better prepared to respond in any situation with first aid or CPR training.

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