

# Bowie Spotlight

The Official Newsletter of the City of Bowie

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*Dear Friends and Neighbors,*

*Once again we conclude one year and open another. The time, coming as it does around festive family and community events, allows us to take a moment from hectic schedules to express our appreciation to those that care for us, love us, and make living here in Bowie such a joy. Thanks to many that preceded us, Bowie has evolved from a development into a strong, stable, secure, and family-focused community. We have become the subject of a proud boast ... "Bowie is my hometown."*

*It has been my history to thank the many residents of Bowie at this special time of the year for all their contributions to making us such a great community. Those comments have been and remain heartfelt. It is hard to imagine a community anywhere in the State with such shared conviction and with such a willingness to help each other in times of challenge. You are indeed, a very special community.*

*While I truly appreciate and admire our entire Bowie community, I would like to take a public moment to thank the incredible City staff that work so hard and so well to make our hometown the wonderful place it has become. They continue to do a great job for us all. If you have an occasion to speak with one of these folks over the holiday season, take a moment and say thanks.*

*As always, during this time of the year, we ask you to remember those City residents serving in the military and particularly those families separated by that service during the holiday season. God bless them all. May God bring home those now serving in harm's way soon and safely.*

*On behalf of the entire City Council, Happy New Year! Best wishes from us all.*

*G. Frederick Robinson, Mayor*

## Speed Cameras are Coming to Bowie

On October 19, 2009 the City Council approved an Ordinance allowing the use of speed cameras in school zones. The City Ordinance follows the State's approval of Maryland Annotated Code Article 21-809, which expanded the use of speed cameras in work zones and school zones statewide. Previously, speed cameras were limited to Montgomery County.

The overriding goal of this Ordinance is to affect a change in the behavior of drivers and reduce speed inside of the City's school zones. Studies conducted in Montgomery County have shown a speed reduction of 22% in areas where speed cameras are used. Additionally, the studies showed a 50% reduction in fatal accidents in those same areas.

The City of Bowie will implement the use of a speed camera program exclusively in marked school zones during the hours of 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. The cameras will be triggered for cars going 12 miles per hour over the posted speed limit and the citation will be issued to the owner of the vehicle. The citation carries a fine of \$40 and does not carry points or effect the vehicle owner's driving record.

Once the program begins, there will be a mandatory thirty-day period where only warning citations will be issued. This warning period allows drivers to change their driving behavior before the regular citations are issued. Once again, the emphasis of this program is to change the behavior of drivers in the City and gain compliance with existing speed limits.

Additional details about the program will be available on the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org), and through other media outlets as we move further into the process. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the Bowie Police Department at 301-575-2480.

## What Is Rabies and How Can I Protect My Family and Pets?

The **Bowie Spotlight** is published by the City of Bowie six times a year. It is delivered to all postal carrier routes containing City of Bowie addresses.

Comments or questions regarding the content or form of the newsletter should be directed to the Public Information Office at 301-809-3040.

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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Rabies is a viral disease that attacks the central nervous system. In humans, rabies is a very serious virus which, when untreated, ultimately ends in death. In Maryland, rabies is discovered most often in bats, foxes, raccoons and, like our most recent incident, in non-vaccinated cats.

The rabies virus is found in the saliva of rabid animals and is usually passed from animal to animal, and animal to human, through bites. Rarely is there a non-bite exposure to the rabies virus.

There is no way, other than from laboratory analysis, to determine if an animal has rabies. Once an animal has been infected with the rabies virus, it can take a few days or several months before signs of the disease show. Sometimes an animal with rabies may show signs of unusual or unnatural behavior. As an example, a bat that is active during the day is more likely to be rabid than one who exhibits activity during the night. Wild or domestic animals with rabies may be unnaturally friendly, withdrawn or aggressive. They may stagger, drool, have convulsions or even appear paralyzed. It's important, however, to remember, **an animal with rabies may not show any signs of unusual behavior or appearance.**

How to protect family and pets from rabies:

- Have pets vaccinated regularly.
- Confine your cat and dog to your home or yard and walk them on a leash.
- Do not touch or feed stray or wild animals, even feral cats.
- Teach your family to stay away from unfamiliar domestic animals and wildlife.
- Remove any source of food from your yard that may attract unwanted wildlife.
- Report any strange or unfamiliar pets running at large to the Bowie Animal Control Division at 301-809-3002, or to the Prince George's County Animal Management Group at 301-780-7200.

Remember, the best protection against rabies is to vaccinate your dogs and cats!

For more information on rabies, please contact the Bowie Animal Control Division at 301-809-3002 or the Prince George's County Health Department at 301-583-3750. Also, information may be viewed at <http://www.cdc.gov/rabies> or [http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/Government/AgencyIndex/Health/animal\\_bites.asp](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/Government/AgencyIndex/Health/animal_bites.asp).

## Winter Weather Reminder

With winter coming, 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 accumulation of snow and ice on City streets in a depth of two (2) or more inches constitutes a snow emergency. Parking of vehicles on City streets is prohibited during snow emergencies. The snow emergency remains in effect until the snow accumulation has been cleared. All main drives, hills and collector streets are treated and/or plowed first.

In the event of a snowfall of less than 2 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. Extreme icing conditions exist when ALL areas are coated with ice. An example would be an extended freezing rain event that coats roads, trees and power lines – often referred to as ice storms. During a snow or ice event only, it is acceptable to park your vehicle on your grass.

Each resident is responsible for removing snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of their home. To report hazardous conditions within the City of Bowie, please call 301-809-2344.



## The Need for Donations to the Bowie Food Pantry Continues to Increase

The Community Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone for donations to the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund. The number of individuals and families having difficulty in the current economy continues to increase. Supplies must be available for those who stop in or call seeking assistance. Your donations are making a difference in the lives of many people, and are very much appreciated!

Help to keep the shelves stocked by making donations regularly, and encouraging friends, neighbors, coworkers to join in your efforts. Of most importance right now is nonperishable food items. The Food Pantry also accepts toiletries (toothpaste, soap, deodorant), baby items (diapers, wipes), paper goods (tissues, paper towels and bathroom tissue) and school supplies. Monetary donations and grocery store gift cards are always welcome, as they help to purchase needed items! Tax deductible contributions may be made throughout the year. Checks should be written to the Food Pantry and sent to their address, Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry, (located at Christian Community Presbyterian Church) 3120 Belair Drive, Bowie, MD 20715.

The Pantry is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 11 a.m.; however donations may be accepted at other times. There are also collection containers at City Hall and the Senior Center where you may drop nonperishable food and other items.

For more information, please contact the Pantry at 301-262-6765 or [bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com).



## Young Person's Art Gallery



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

**January**  
Heather Hills  
Elementary School

**February**  
Grace Christian School

## Art Notes

**Art Galleries at City Hall** Visiting City Hall? Please stop a moment to admire the artwork of local artists featured in the City's four art galleries. The four galleries managed by the City's Arts Committee include the **City Hall Gallery**, the **Young Person's Art Gallery**, the **Conference Room Gallery** and the **Visions of Bowie Gallery**.

Start at the main entrance to City Hall for your tour of the four galleries. First, in the foyer, the **Young Person's Art Gallery**. This gallery, almost nine years old, features monthly exhibits by students who attend Bowie schools and is organized on a school basis, with schools signing up months ahead for this popular gallery. Along with presenting the work of students monthly, the Arts Committee offers schools the opportunity to host a reception at City Hall.

Glance next into the Multipurpose Room for the **Visions of Bowie Gallery**. This gallery rotates every six months and features photography and paintings of local Bowie scenes. Check out the **City Hall Art Gallery** as you walk through the hallways at City Hall. Like the **Young Person's Art Gallery**, the **City Hall Art Gallery** rotates monthly with a new artist featured each month. Individual artists are featured nine out of the twelve months of the year. The other three months, art is provided by the Southern Comforters Quilt Guild (February), the Guild of Bowie Artists (October) and the Bowie-Crofton Camera Club (November).

The fourth gallery is the **Conference Room Gallery** and that's found in Rooms 204 and 111 which features works by multiple artists. Like the **Visions of Bowie Gallery**, the **Conference Room Gallery** rotates every six months.

There are three months open in 2010 in the **City Hall Art Gallery**. Before artists can exhibit in any of the galleries (other than the **Young Person's Art Gallery**), they must first submit their work for approval by the Arts Committee. To be eligible to hang, artists must be residents of communities in Bowie that have a Bowie Zip Code or belong to a Bowie-based arts group, such as the Guild of Bowie Artists.

The galleries are open to the public during City Hall hours, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday. To find out more about the galleries or how to exhibit, contact Annette Esterheld, Arts Specialist, at 301-575-5601 or [aesterheld@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityofbowie.org).

## Art Notes

### Bowie Youth Chorus

The City launches its Bowie Youth Chorus in 2010 with rehearsals beginning mid-January. The Chorus is directed by Eleanor Minor, who has 34 years experience teaching vocal music in the Prince George's County School System.

Young people in grades five through nine who either live in Bowie or attend Bowie schools will rehearse weekly with Ms. Minor with a goal of a May performance at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts.

Auditions are not required, but chorus members will be asked to attend a vocal placement meeting before the chorus begins weekly rehearsals. The membership fee is \$50 for residents and \$55 for nonresidents (limited to nonresidents attending Bowie schools). The fees covers performance outfits, music and other program costs.

For more information or to help sponsor this exciting new group, contact Annette Esterheld, Arts Specialist, at 301-575-5601 or [aesterheld@cityof-bowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityof-bowie.org).

### Artists Needed for Arts Directory

The City Arts Committee is planning an Arts Reception in March 2010 to celebrate the arts, visual and performing, in Bowie. In preparation for this event, the Committee is updating its Arts Directory.

If you are a visual artist, arts organization, performing artist, work with a local art gallery or studio, or offer classes or other arts related opportunities, the Committee wants to hear from you.

If you have not submitted your information, please contact Annette Esterheld, Arts Specialist, at 301-575-5601 or [aesterheld@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityofbowie.org).

Applications are available online at [www.cityof-bowie.org](http://www.cityof-bowie.org). Link first to "News and Information," then link to "Forms."

## Time to Plan Your 2010 Picnic

Once again, the time has come to reserve your picnic site for the 2010 season. The City's Recreation Office has reserved priority days when only City residents will be permitted to reserve picnic sites at Allen Pond and Whitemarsh Parks.

In order to make this process more convenient, **City residents** are able to place their 2010 picnic reservations beginning at 9 a.m. on **Saturday, February 6, 2010** at City Hall, Room 204. **Nonresident** picnic reservations will be accepted beginning at 9 a.m. on **Monday, March 1, 2010** at the Recreation Office in Room 203 at City Hall.

The following items are required when placing a picnic reservation:

1. **Picture ID** (driver's license, etc.) with printed address verifying that the applicant resides within the incorporated limits of the City of Bowie; or a picture ID and either a current voter registration card or a recent utility bill verifying residency within the incorporated limits of the City of Bowie.
2. **Full payment** in the form of cash, credit card, or check made payable to the City of Bowie. All checks must contain an address that is within the City's incorporated limits.

All reservations are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each adult may only make one reservation at a time. You are encouraged to arrive early to ensure you obtain the day and site you prefer. However, please have an alternate date in the event your preferred date is not available. For additional information, please contact the Recreation Office at 301-809-3011.



## Teachers of the Month



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 funded by BB&T Bank, and a special lunch with their principal, courtesy of Main Street Catering.

Teachers at these schools are eligible: Bowie High School and Tall Oaks Technical Academy; Benjamin Tasker and Samuel Ogle Middle Schools; St. Pius X Regional, Grace Christian, Cornerstone Christian Academy, 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.

Nominations are accepted at any time. Information is available at the above schools, on the City's website - [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) (select Government, Committees, then Education Committee), or at City Hall. For more information, contact Leni Stern at 301-809-3068 or [lstern@cityofbowie.org](mailto:lstern@cityofbowie.org).

**Rena Shylanski of Rockledge Elementary School is the October 2009 Teacher of the Month.** According to Ms. Shylanski's nomination, sent in by Rockledge teacher Heidi Clifton, this second grade teacher is a person who not only has a positive effect on students but also provides learning experiences for other teachers in the school.

Ms. Shylanski possesses a "calming demeanor and undying patience." She gets through to students, even when they are extremely upset or excited, with her soothing "unique tone of voice and phrasing." She is successful with students who have difficulty focusing, learning and listening. She has transformed even the most unruly second graders "into poised young men and women with confidence."

Ms. Shylanski relates to parents with "honesty, compassion and helpfulness," email-

ing a number of parents at the end of each school day to provide updates on children's progress. She includes areas of success as well as those where improvement may be needed.

Pamela Landry, Principal at Rockledge Elementary School indicates that Ms. Shylanski provides a rigorous program for her second graders, and believes in "having her students actively participate in their learning." She teaches them to be "independent thinkers and works with them in a positive, calm manner." She is a teacher leader, serves as grade level team leader and is "a valued member of our staff."

**Sheila Bailey of Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center is the November 2009**

**Teacher of the Month.** Sheila Bailey is a member of the four-year-old team at Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center. According

to one of her two nominations, sent by another teacher, Eileen Rodriguez, she is referred to as a "Child Whisperer." She gives just the right amount of wait time and encouragement to her students for them to put forth their "best efforts," even when verbal communication is difficult for them. Some see a child who cannot talk and "think that child does not have something to say, but not this teacher." One of her strengths and talents is engaging students working on communication skills. She uses a variety of techniques and students try hard to reach her expectations!

The second nomination for Ms. Bailey was submitted by Paraprofessional Christine Miller, who finds it a joy to work with this "positive and talented teacher." She feels that Ms. Bailey is the "perfect model" for her to learn from, and "is a gift to our staff!" This teacher provides positive

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reinforcement for the children, and spends time with each student every day. "You can see the wheels turning as she observes a child then quickly modifies what she had planned to best address the immediate need. Children love her."

Chapel Forge's Principal, Elyse Hurley, refers to Ms. Bailey as having "a gift for making continuous accommodations and modifications for each individual child throughout the day and making it seem effortless. Her children make tremendous progress and learn to be independent. When you watch her interact with her children, you can tell that she truly enjoys teaching."

## Arts and Education Scholarships

The City will again offer scholarships for graduating high school students who are planning to continue their education. The Arts Committee's Arts Scholarship and the Education Committee's Excellence in Education Scholarship applications will be sent in early February to high schools attended by Bowie students. The application deadline for both scholarships is **March 12, 2010**.

### Arts Scholarship

Students are required to have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average, must be residents of the City of Bowie and plan to major in a visual or performing art field. In early February, the Arts Scholarship applications may be obtained at high schools, on the City website - [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org), or at City Hall in the Department of Community Services. For additional information, please contact Arts Specialist Annette Esterheld at 301-575-5601 or [aesterheld@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityofbowie.org).

### Excellence in Education Scholarship

Schools are asked to nominate high school seniors who are City of Bowie residents and meet the eligibility criteria. Students must live within the corporate limits of the City of Bowie and have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5. Contact Guidance Counselors at the school attended to express interest in being considered for nomination. The schools will provide applications for the students they nominate. For more information, contact the Education Committee liaison at 301-809-3068 or [lstern@cityofbowie.org](mailto:lstern@cityofbowie.org).

## Paraprofessional Award

The City's Education Committee is planning for the recognition of an education paraprofessional who works closely with teachers to provide appropriate learning experiences for students in local schools. For the purpose of this award, an education paraprofessional is "an aide or other person who is not trained or hired as a teacher, but who works directly with children in a classroom or small group setting within a school." The award will honor someone who, through dedication and working beyond the expectations of their position, accomplishes much in assisting students toward success in their educational experiences.

Paraprofessionals must work in one of the eligible schools identified with the Teacher of the Month Program on Page 6, and must be nominated for this award by the principal or a teacher at their school.

Watch for more information and nomination forms, which will be available on the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org), at Bowie City Hall or at the eligible schools by mid-January. For more information, please contact the Education Committee at [lstern@cityofbowie.org](mailto:lstern@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3068.

## Bowie Reads at

### Bowiefest

The Bowie Education Committee is seeking new or “gently used” children’s books to distribute at their reading promotion booth, *Bowie Reads*, at Bowiefest on June 5, 2010 at Allen Pond Park. If you have books that your children and/or grandchildren have read, are no longer interested in or have outgrown, and would like to share with other children, please consider donating them. We will be giving them out free of charge to local children. People will be invited to select books at the *Bowie Reads* booth to read to their children or for their children to read. Information about reading to children and reading programs will also be available.

Books may be dropped off at City Hall, in the Department of Community Services, Room 203, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays, left at the City Hall reception desk Monday through Thursday evenings until 10 p.m., or from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, please contact the Education Committee at [lstern@cityofbowie.org](mailto:lstern@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3068. Thank you for your donation!

## Education Grants Awarded

Congratulations to the winners of the 2009 - 2010 Grants for Education! Sixteen projects were selected to receive funding out of a pool of thirty-eight (38) applications. This year’s winners represent eight different schools and will receive funds totaling \$11,359. Projects vary greatly in their purposes, but all offer enrichment for student learning experiences at their schools. This year’s winners are:

Grant Title	School
Family Fun Nights: Making the Math Connection	Grace Christian School
Get Fired Up for Reading	Heather Hills Elementary School
Active Literacy: Case for Leveled Library	High Bridge Elementary School
Poetry is Alive	Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School
Westward Bound!	Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School
Increasing Awareness About Children With Special Needs	Kenilworth Elementary School
Keys to Success	Kenilworth Elementary School
Math Starts With Reading	Kenilworth Elementary School
Geology Research Project	Northview Elementary School
Lego Mindstorm	Whitehall Elementary School
Multicultural Art Club	Whitehall Elementary School
Blue Sky Puppet Theater “Sand Castles”	Yorktown Elementary School
Bully No More	Yorktown Elementary School
Chapter Book Reading Circles are Out of This World	Yorktown Elementary School
Child Art: Inspiring Children’s Artistic Expression	Yorktown Elementary School
Kindergarten Readiness Skills Kits	Yorktown Elementary School

## Share Your Levitt History

In May 2000, the George Washington University Graduate School conducted a study of the Levitt Corporation development concept represented by its construction of Belair at Bowie. That study has gone on to raise interest in Levitt construction all over the world.

Next year, from May 19-22, 2010, the prestigious Vernacular Architecture Forum (VAF) will bring scholars from all over to its annual conference in Washington, DC. Belair at Bowie will be a featured highlight of the visit.

For over twenty-five years, VAF has provided a venue for professionals working within a variety of academic and nonacademic settings to share their interests, fieldwork, research, and projects that focus on vernacular buildings and landscapes (for more information, see [www.vafweb.org](http://www.vafweb.org)). Recognizing Belair at Bowie's historic, cultural and architectural significance, conference planners are eager to offer attendees a glimpse of the past, the present, and the future of Levitt development here.

On Thursday, May 20, 2010, VAF attendees will be visiting Bowie to learn more firsthand about Levitt and Sons and postwar housing. This visit offers owners of Levitt homes an opportunity to showcase the historic nature of their homes. Conference planners are seeking residents willing to open their houses as part of this learning experience. The visit to Bowie will include lunch at Belair Mansion and self-paced walking tours through the neighborhoods to avoid crowds at any one house.

In order to lessen any anxieties about security in individual properties, be assured that the VAF is a professional organization of people very familiar with the care and respect that should be shown to a building and its owners/occupants. VAF is also insured, and the local planning committee will make arrangements to have at least one trained volunteer at each open property as an added precaution and to help move people through smoothly. Next year's VAF conference will direct much-needed attention to the vernacular buildings and landscapes of the recent past — making Bowie an exciting and ideal stop!

If you are interested in sharing Bowie/Levitt history with these architectural historians, or you'd like further information, please contact Pam Williams, City Historic Properties Manager at 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

## Bowie Water System Customers

### Can Now Pay Bills

### Electronically

City of Bowie Water and Sewer customers now have the option of signing up for automatic debit payment of their water bill. They can also pay their quarterly bills by credit or debit card from the City website. Just look for the water bill icon on our home page - [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org). For questions about the service, please contact the Finance Department at 301-809-3016.

## Christmas Trees

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

## 2010 Bike to Work Day

### Save the Date!

**Friday, May 21, 2010**

Food, Fun and Prizes!

Registration information, time, and Bowie pit stop locations will be announced in the next **Bowie Spotlight**.



## Code Corner

### Thank You

Bowie Code Compliance Officers canvass the community identifying City code violations. Though our attention is focused on properties and structures in neglect or in need of repair, more often than not, we observe exceptional looking homes and yards. The Code Compliance Office wishes to thank the property owners and tenants that:

- Actively maintain their yard, home and commercial business.
- Maintain their vehicles in good working order and display valid registration plates.
- Do not park their vehicles as to block or obstruct the sidewalk.
- Obtain City permits prior to construction.
- Trim trees to prevent branches from growing over sidewalks and obstructing pedestrian traffic.
- Edge sidewalks, keeping the sidewalk area free of grass and debris.
- Shovel snow and ice off sidewalks within 48 hours.
- Place trash at the curb no sooner than 5 p.m. the day before pickup.
- Do not place trash at the curb when City offices are closed on holidays.
- Call the Public Works Department (301-809-2344) for special pickup of their discarded washer, dryer, or refrigerator.
- Remove yard sale signs from public property immediately after the sale.
- Keep their yards clean and attractive.
- Do not play loud music to the annoyance of others.
- License their rental properties.
- Mow their yards before the grass grows more than 8 inches in height.

*We thank these conscientious residents for making Bowie a great place to live!*

### Corner Lot Obstruction

Owners and tenants of properties located at the intersection of two or more streets have an additional responsibility in maintaining the landscaping of their yard and the public right of way adjacent to the intersection. They must prevent the landscaping from creating a hazard. Often an overgrown bush or shrubbery obstructs a driver's view of oncoming traffic or pedestrians. The Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance, Section 27-421 states: *On a corner lot, no visual obstruction more than three (3) feet high (above the curb level) shall be located within the triangle formed by the intersection of the street lines and points on the street lines twenty-five (25) feet from the intersection.*

It is also the duty of a property owner "to remove from such property any tree, plant, shrub, fence or other obstruction, or part thereof, which, by obstructing the view of any driver, of a motor vehicle constitutes a traffic hazard." Bowie City Code, Chapter 22, Sec. 22-18.1

Please trim or remove any bush or shrubbery with a height greater than three (3) feet if they are located within the twenty-five (25) foot triangle as described above or are creating a traffic hazard. If you need assistance in determining if a planting needs to be trimmed or removed, contact the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008. When in doubt, remove it. Your neighbors and visitors to the City will thank you for your efforts to keep Bowie safe and attractive.

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## Bowie's Hall of Honor Accepting Nominations

In 1991, the Hall of Honor was developed to recognize those citizens of Bowie who have made "major and lasting contributions" to the City. The first inductees were honored in 1994.

A nominee to the Hall of Honor must: be deceased for at least one year as of the nomination deadline; have made both a major and lasting contribution to the City of Bowie; have been a resident of the City of Bowie either during the time of their contribution or at the time of their death.

Past inductees include Thelma Brady Gasch, a "native of Belair." Mrs. Gasch's father worked at Belair stables when the Woodward's owned the home. When the Stable Museum was established, Mrs. Gasch generously donated the furnishings used in the home where she grew up. Her contribution helped maintain the heritage and history of Bowie.

Another inductee, Chester Kreitzer, was the first Mayor of Bowie. Mr Kreitzer was the president of a three-member Council and helped form the structure of the local government that Bowie works under today, serving as interim Mayor during the transition period. Declining to run for re-election, Mr. Kreitzer became the Director of Public Works and held the post for 21 years.

Once a nomination is received, forms and information are passed on to the City's Community Outreach Committee for review. The Committee then sends their recommendations on to the City Council for final approval. Once an honoree is approved, a reception is held in the inductee's honor and a plaque is hung in the front lobby of City Hall.

The deadline to submit nominations for the 2010 Hall of Honor induction is **5 p.m. Friday, February 12, 2010** at Room 203 in City Hall. Nominations may also be submitted by email to [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

For more information on the Hall of Honor, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org). Nomination forms are available at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Contest

The City of Bowie is sponsoring a contest for school-aged children to encourage them to learn about the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. There are four contest categories: kindergarten through second graders can compete in a coloring contest; third through fifth graders can enter a poster competition; middle school students (grades 6-8) can compete in a graphic arts contest, and high school students are invited to submit entries in a photography category.

Contest details and rules are posted on the City's website and were sent to local schools in December. Cash prizes of \$25, \$50 and \$100 will be awarded to the winners in each category. Contest finalists will be honored at the City's Martin Luther King, Jr. Program on **Tuesday, January 19** at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

For more information about the contests, call 301-809-3032 or email [ucooper@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ucooper@cityofbowie.org).

## City Park Master Plan Projects

### Allen Pond Park

The City has been working with Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects, PC of Alexandria, VA on the preparation of a master plan for Allen Pond Park. The master plan will provide the City with a “road map” on how best to redesign and improve the Park to more efficiently and effectively serve the current and future needs of residents and the City. The plan will allow the City to establish a capital improvements budget that can be implemented in a phased approach over the next 5-10 years.

On November 17, 2009, the first of two public meetings was held where residents had an opportunity to provide input into the master plan preparation process. On **January 5, 2010** at 7 p.m., the second public meeting will be held at which time the consultant will present various conceptual plans and their associated estimates for review. This meeting will be held in the Multipurpose Room at City Hall. The public is encouraged to attend and participate. For information about the master plan for Allen Pond Park, please contact Matt Reno at [mreno@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mreno@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3076.

### Whitemarsh Park

The City plans to hire a consultant to help the City in the preparation of a park master plan for Whitemarsh Park. At this time, specific public meeting dates have not been identified; however project information can be obtained at <http://www.cityofbowie.org/Parks/whitemarsh.asp>. Please visit the webpage for project updates.

## Bowie Gardens for Wildlife!

Bowie is putting out the welcome mat for birds, butterflies, and other wildlife! The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) has recognized Bowie as a Registered Community Wildlife Habitat because of its commitment to meeting project goals that call for our community to create and enhance habitat in which people, flora, and fauna can flourish. Over the next few years, we are working to increase the number of Certified Wildlife Habitat sites, including at least 200 homes, five schools, and six community habitats such as businesses, places of worship, community gardens, and public spaces.

Your yard can become certified when you provide the four basic elements that all wildlife need to thrive — food, water, cover, and places to raise young — and by implementing sustainable gardening practices such as planting native plants, reducing or eliminating the use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers, conserving water, removing invasive plants, and composting. When preparing your habitat, be sure that your habitat meets all relevant City codes. To find out if your property meets the habitat requirements or to apply to NWF to become a Certified Wildlife Habitat, visit the City’s Green Page at [www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie](http://www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie) or go to [www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife/](http://www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife/). NWF put together a set of how-to videos on each of the habitat components which you can view by searching for “Certified Wildlife Habitat” at [www.youtube.com/NationalWildlife](http://www.youtube.com/NationalWildlife).

The City’s Environmental Advisory Committee, with the Bowie Gardens for Wildlife Habitat Team, provides support to the City for this project. Educational activities include occasional workshops. To view the April 16, 2009 gardening for wildlife presentation, go to <http://tinyurl.com/cityofbowievids>. A “how-to” workshop, co-sponsored by three local congregations, is set for February 8, 2010 at St. Matthew’s United Methodist Church, 14900 Annapolis Road at 7 p.m. To learn more about this project, or to volunteer to become a Habitat Team member, contact the Habitat Team at [bowiegardens4wildlife@gmail.com](mailto:bowiegardens4wildlife@gmail.com), or the City’s Watershed Manager Tiffany Wright at [twright@cityof-bowie.org](mailto:twright@cityof-bowie.org) or 301-809-3043.



## Single Stream Recycling Reminder

All of your recyclables are collected by one full-size refuse truck from one recycling container. Make it easier to recycle!

**Remember** - You may now put all of your papers, cardboard, junk mail, catalogs (tied in bundles or put in bags so they don't blow around) and phone books into your recycling bin with your glass, cans and plastics! And if you need a larger container (no more than 50 lbs. when filled), **you may use any container**, just mark it "**RECYCLE**" and place it at the curb by 7 a.m. on your pickup day.

**Speaking of Plastics** – just about all plastics are now collected – soft or rigid; margarine/yogurt/sour cream containers; bottles, cups, milk jugs, toys, lawn furniture, tied up plastic bags (to keep them from blowing around). **Not accepted:** Styrofoam, motor oil or chemical bottles, plates or utensils.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.

## Bowie Playhouse Presents



### IT'S NOW OR NEVER -- 1/8 - 1/10

Prince George's Little Theatre presents a tribute to Elvis (Presley, of course) on his 75th birthday. Performer Michael Falcone and "Hound Dog" Russ showcase many of Elvis' best known performances in this special event fundraiser for PGLT. *Produced by Prince George's Little Theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Matinee is at 2 p.m. on Sunday. For tickets, call 301-937-7458. Log onto PGLT's website, [www.pglt.org](http://www.pglt.org), for information about special ticket packages.*

### Daddy's Girl -- 1/22 - 2/6

Benard Muloovy, owner of Maudie's Diner, is served a full plate when his deceased wife enlists the services of an angel to help reunite Benard with their long-lost daughter, Elizabeth. Into Benard's life come two Elizabeths and Benard's task is to decide which woman is his real daughter, but there's one problem – he doesn't like either of them! Adding to the dilemma are a forgetful waitress, a PhD student, a geriatric duo, a motorcycle mama anxious to become the next Mrs. Muloovy and Darlynn, who has been trying to get Benard to the altar for a quarter of a century. Sides are taken as one young lady reveals a secret and ultimately claims her paternity, but not without a twist...or two. *Directed by Joe Del Balzo. Produced by Bowie Community Theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays. Reservations can be made online through the BCT website, [www.BCTTheatre.com](http://www.BCTTheatre.com), or by calling 301-805-0219.*

### ARSENIC AND Old LACE -- 2/12 - 2/27

Meet the eccentric Brewster family. There's nephew Mortimer who has to deal not only with an Uncle Teddy who thinks he's Theodore Roosevelt, but two elderly aunts who serve poisoned elderberry wine. There's always something interesting going on at the Brewster house, but the day Mortimer discovers a body in the window seat and how he and his aunts deal with the body makes for a very funny play.

*Directed by Gayle Negri. Produced by Prince George's Little Theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays. For tickets, call 301-937-7458.*



All performances are at the Bowie Playhouse, located in Whitemarsh Park, 16500 Whitemarsh Park Drive. For ticket sales and information about the theater groups, please contact the theater companies directly.

## C'mon Bowie, Let's Plant Some Trees!

We are living in a world that is trying to “go green”, and there is no better move than to plant a tree! It makes environmental sense; it makes economic sense; and it makes emotional sense.

Understanding that we have persevered through these last couple of years of difficult removals of many trees in the City in pursuit of better electrical service and reliability, it is now time for us to all step up and plant better trees in better locations for the betterment of all, yes?

So, I want to encourage all of us to get ready for Spring 2010! As we usually do, City staff will plant some 100 or so trees throughout our City in the right-of-ways and parks. I want to cheer you on to do your part by planting trees as is appropriate on your private properties. Please take advantage of the BGE Tree Replacement voucher program (\$100 per landscaped tree removed over 8” in diameter for eligible residents until May 31, 2010). And may I remind you of the Maryland State offer in cooperation with participating nurseries to discount purchased trees with a \$25 reduction in cost. And don't forget to look for those great Spring sales at your local nurseries and home improvement stores. With all that in mind, I have put together some broad stroke planting tips that I hope will also encourage you to get “down & dirty” and get some new young trees going:

- Select a tree appropriate to the location and the equipment/labor available - 7-8' (1½-2" cal.) tree is preferred in a container.
- Load and unload the trees without damaging branches or scarring the stem.
- Always use a tarp to cover the trees when transporting them.
- Center the planting hole according to marker flag or desired location.
- Dig the hole 2-3 times the width of the root ball and no deeper than the depth of the root ball; planting slightly high (1-2") is best.
- Remove tree root ball from the container and loosen matted roots to encourage outward growth of the roots using some type of cutting tool; cut any “girdling” roots that are growing in a circular, strangling pattern around the trunk; and remove excess soil from the top of the root ball in order to expose the “root flare” (where the stem flares out to the first and largest roots).
- Remove rocks and other debris from the dug out material.
- Place the prepared tree in the dug hole. Center the tree and place it so that the top of the root ball (the “root flare”) is 1-2” above the existing grade level, and rotate the tree so that the “face” (lowest and broadest spread of the tree) is directed toward the most important viewed side.
- Backfill the tree planting hole with existing dug out soil that has been pulverized to the finest texture possible using no additives (amendments) unless the backfill soil is totally unusable.
- “Walk-in” (compact) the backfilled soil until even with the top of the root ball (do not cover the root ball).
- Edge a clean circle 3-4” deep around the planting hole, remove all debris, and mulch tree ring circle with 3-4” of shredded hardwood mulch, being careful not to bank mulch up against the trunk stem.
- Water in the tree planting hole until thoroughly soaked.
- Tree staking is optional and not recommended unless the site is known to be very windy or the tree is top-heavy and/or loose in the root ball.
- In the first year, check the tree often for the need to be watered.

Hope this motivates you...have some fun...enjoy the green! Rick Kellner, Community Forester

## The Census is Coming

Census Day is April 1, 2010. This may be January, but it may help to understand the importance of returning the completed form, before you receive it. Answers to the Census questions provide valuable information about people in each community, for all levels of government. Community needs are determined from the information provided. The 2010 Census data helps determine the number of representatives that are needed to properly represent you in Congress; how much federal funding should be allocated to your community; transportation, emergency food and shelter needs; Head Start Programs and programs for the elderly, Title 1 Grants for education; and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Food Grants.

Residents will receive Census forms in the mail in mid-March 2010. Forms should be **completed and returned before April 1, 2010, Census Day**. Everyone will receive the short form containing a few general questions. It should take approximately ten minutes to complete. Households are asked to provide key demographic information, including whether a housing unit is rented or owned; the address of the residence; and the names, genders, ages and races of others living in the household. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

For more information about the Census, visit the Census Bureau website - <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/how/interactive-form.php>. The City encourages all residents to complete the Census form and return it promptly.



## Bowie Ice Arena

301-809-3090

**Birthday Parties On Ice** Have your next birthday party on ice at the Bowie Ice Arena. Party package includes admission, skate rental, pizza, soda and the private party room for a two-hour public session. The fee for City of Bowie residents is \$150 for up to 10 people. Dates book quickly, so please call the Ice Arena to check availability. For more information, please see the City's website at [www.cityof-bowie.org](http://www.cityof-bowie.org) (select Leisure Activities).

### Series 3 Learn to Skate Group Lessons Begin February 11, 2010

Registration will be held January 29 - February 4, from 10 a.m. – 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. There are special discounts for beginners, homeschool skaters and families. Space is limited, so register early. Private lessons are also available. Please call the Ice Arena for further information.

**Public Session Schedule** The Ice Arena offers daily public skating.

Please call the Arena or view the calendar at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) for the monthly schedules. Group rates, family session discounts and disc jockey sessions are offered monthly.

**2 for 1 Admission**  
to a Regular Public Session

**Bowie Ice Arena**

Expires 2/28/10

Not valid during DJ session or with any other discount or offer.

**\$5 Off Series 3 Group Lesson Registration**

**Bowie Ice Arena**

Expires 2/4/10

Not valid with any other discount or offer.

ONE COUPON  
PER FAMILY

## Bowie Youth & Family Services

301-809-3033

### Teen Job Bank

With winter snows expected, it is good to begin lining up teens to do your snow shoveling. Call 301-809-3033 to get names and phone numbers of teens willing to shovel snow in your area. City residents are asked to register their interest in hiring teens for jobs such as yard work, babysitting, pet walking, etc. and can go directly to the Bowie website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org), to download the appropriate form. Teens between 13 and 18 years of age who are interested in being listed with the Job Bank must also have a form on file in the Youth & Family Services office. If you are a teen, or know a teen who may be interested, please let them know of this opportunity. For further information about the Teen Job Bank or about the other services offered, call 301-809-3033.

### Counseling

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 City of Bowie or the greater Prince George's County metropolitan area. Often concerns surface within families that can be eased with the help of a professional. Issues may include anger, bullying, depression, anxiety, family conflict, grief, decision making, school problems, social skills, suicidal thoughts, the impact of separation/divorce, and others. Families are encouraged to call 301-809-3033 to make an appointment. An initial intake will be done either by phone or in person. We have highly qualified and experienced Master's level counselors that will work with you in developing appropriate solutions.

### 2010 Winter Groups

Call for registration and further information - 301-809-3033.

**Active Parenting** – Parents focus on learning practical skills to help develop cooperation and responsibility in their child. \$40. Call for future dates.

**Girls Count!** – Sharing the pressures of being female in today's complex society, teen girls support each other as they participate in activities that are fun and meaningful. \$40. January.

**Happy Moms, Healthy Babies** – Teen and young moms ages 17 – 22 with infants up to 18 months of age are invited to join other young mothers and their babies to discuss the joys and difficulties of motherhood. Moms will have the opportunity to meet women in similar situations, share knowledge and provide support. Babies are welcome to play, eat, and sleep. Fee waived. January.

**My Family and Me** – Separation and Divorce Group - Two groups, one for the parents, the other for the children ages 6 ½ – 10. Exploring stressful life events using games, crafts, discussion for the kids and helping parents learn about listening and problem-solving techniques. \$50. January.

**ADHD Education** – Parents learn about ADHD/ADD and new ways to help their child. Children, ages 8 - 10 focus on improving social skills. These two groups run simultaneously. \$50. February.

**Social Skills for Ages Eight to Eleven** – A fast moving fun group for kids to learn how to get along easily with others, using newly acquired skills. \$50. April.

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## Wanted: A Few Good Men

Imagine an hour that impacts a lifetime. Volunteers, men and women, are needed for the City's Prevention Network Teen Mentoring Program. Volunteers spend one hour weekly, usually during lunch, with a student at Bowie High School. Through this program, students receive the support of a caring adult, and mentors receive the satisfaction of helping students build personal confidence and strategies to navigate the challenges of the teen years and achieve success in high school.

As a mentor you can:

- Create a valuable relationship providing a positive role model.
- Assist students in developing a positive self-image.
- Encourage students to set and achieve goals.
- Support discovery of talents and abilities.
- Coach and encourage to assist students in achieving academic success.
- Decrease the likelihood of dropping out of school.

The Bowie Prevention Network and the Teen Mentoring Program have been helping teens at Bowie High School for more than seven years. The need for teens to experience and benefit from significant, positive adult relationships has never been greater. The Teen Mentoring Program serves male and female students. At this time the Program is in need of several men willing to mentor male students who have applied to the program and are awaiting a mentor. This is a tremendous opportunity to make a meaningful difference in a young person's life. These young men have reached out for help and support and we do not want to disappoint them. You can help by contacting Rhonda Simon, Program Coordinator, at 301-661-0573 or Andra Berry, Prevention Coordinator, at 301-809-3033 or email [mentor@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mentor@cityofbowie.org).

## Keep Up With What's Happening in Bowie

**Alert Bowie** is the best way to keep informed about what's going on in our community. It's a free service that provides email and text alerts to those who subscribe. You choose the types of information you wish to receive. Information categories include emergency alerts, weather alerts, crime alerts, Bowie traffic problems, monthly news and events, skatepark news, pet pickup alerts, health news, job opportunities and agendas for City Council meetings. To register, visit [www.cityof-bowie.org](http://www.cityof-bowie.org).

### Bowie News Flash

The Bowie Spotlight is published six times a year. To obtain a quick summary of Bowie news in between issues of the Spotlight, check out the Bowie News Flash. The News Flash provides information about events, meetings and updates on issues of importance to local residents. It is distributed monthly via Alert Bowie and is posted on our website.

For more information, please contact Una Cooper at 301-809-3032 or [ucooper@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ucooper@cityofbowie.org).

## Attention Homeowners Associations

The City maintains a list of contact information for local homeowners associations on the City's website. The list is used to share important information with your community about planned developments, transportation improvements, and other issues. Help us keep the list current by notifying the Planning Department when your officers and management companies change. Please visit the City's website at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) to see if your community information is correct. Any corrections or updates to the information should be provided to Marianne Baird at [mbaird@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mbaird@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3047.

## News of the City Museums



### Mark Your Calendar

**“Early American Horseracing” Second Tuesday Lecture**  
**Tuesday, January 12 at 7:30 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. No reservations required. Free.

**Brown Bag Lunch History Lecture at Belair Mansion**  
**Monday, January 25, 12 - 1 p.m.** Bring your lunch and discuss “What’s Cooking In the Colonial Kitchen”. No reservations required. Free.

**Second Tuesday Lecture**  
**Tuesday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. Topic to be announced. No reservations required. Free.

**Valentine Tea at Belair Mansion**  
**Sunday, February 14 at 4 p.m.** Enjoy a special afternoon! Traditional tea goodies served in a very historic setting. Reservations and advance payment required. \$24 per person.

**Brown Bag Lunch History Lecture at Belair Mansion**  
**Tuesday, February 16, 12 - 1 p.m.** Bring your lunch and enjoy “Games People Played.” No reservations required. Free.

Visit the **Belair Mansion and Stable Museums** during **Black History Month**. Two permanent exhibits, **“Put to Work in Making Tobacco”** at the Mansion and **“Heroes of the Turf: African American Jockeys”** at the Belair Stable, commemorate the contributions of African Americans to Belair’s history and the history of Thoroughbred racing.

*For information on these, or any museum programs, please call 301-809-3089 or email [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).*

## Hours of Operation

**Bowie Railroad Museum,**  
 Tuesdays through Sundays,  
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 8614  
 Chestnut Avenue. Free.

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

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

**Old Town Bowie Welcome Center,** Tuesdays - Sundays,  
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 8606  
 Chestnut Avenue, 301-575-  
 2488. 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.*

*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.), 12219 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 the active adult 55 years and older.

## Health Awareness Program

**Monday, January 11  
12:30 p.m.**

Dorotea Gonzalez, R.N., from Capital Hospice will present a series of health topics the second Monday of each month. This month's topic will be "Grief and Loss". Please call the Center to register.

## "Yes We Can"

### Fashion Show

**Tuesday, January 12  
12:30 p.m.**

Models will showcase fashions right out of their own closets. Ms. Rose M. Foreman is the fashion coordinator and choreographer of this fun day. She wants members to be Divas and Dudes for a day. Everyone can be handsome, gorgeous, beautiful, loving, caring and wonderful!

# Active Adult 55+

## Trains On Display

Ted Tuck's train garden is back and is located as you enter the Center's dining room. Ted's work is always so much fun and enjoyed by all. Don't forget to bring the grandchildren in!

## SAGE Class Sign Up

**Tuesday, January 12  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Through a partnership with Prince George's Community College, the Center offers over 60 classes per week in health & wellness, history, literature, art, music, current issues, finance, humanities, and language. SAGE registration information is available at the Center.

## Bowie Senior Center

**14900 Health Center Drive**

**301-809-2300**

[www.bowieseniorcenter.org](http://www.bowieseniorcenter.org)

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.

## Emergency Preparedness

### Presentation

**Thursday, January 14  
10:30 a.m.**

This presentation by Floyd Johnson of the Agency on Aging Community Services, will provide detailed information and tips for seniors regarding survival needs in the event of a national disaster or local catastrophe.

## What is Lymphedema?

**Thursday, January 21  
10:30 a.m.**

Learn about this condition that refers to swelling that occurs most often in your arms or legs.

## AARP Tax Preparation

Tax preparation volunteers will be at the Center starting the first Wednesday of February through Wednesday, April 14. You must make an appointment by calling the Center between 1 and 2 p.m. weekdays. This service is for those 55 and older.

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### Upcoming Events

#### **New Year's Day**

*Friday, January 1, 2010  
City Offices Closed. No Refuse  
or Recycling Collection.*

#### **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

*Monday, January 18, 2010  
City Offices Closed. No Refuse  
or Recycling Collection.*

#### **Presidents Day**

*Monday, February 15, 2010  
City Offices Closed. No Refuse  
or Recycling Collection.*

### 2010 City Holidays

New Year's Day	Friday	January 1, 2010
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday	January 18, 2010
Presidents Day	Monday	February 15, 2010
Memorial Day	Monday	May 31, 2010
Independence Day	Monday	July 5, 2010
Labor Day	Monday	September 6, 2010
Veterans Day	Thursday	November 11, 2010
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 25, 2010
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday	November 26, 2010
Christmas	Friday	December 24, 2010

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

Alternative versions of this newsletter are available upon request.

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