

# Bowie Spotlight

The Official Newsletter of the City of Bowie

July - August 2010

## Celebrate America - July 4th at Allen Pond Park!

## Salute to America Concert

### Independence Day Schedule of Events

The City's Sunday Sunset Concert Series at the Robert V. Setera Amphitheater in Allen Pond Park will conclude with a very special concert on **Sunday, September 5, 2010** from 7 – 8 p.m. The special concert titled *Salute to America* and featuring the United States Naval Academy will honor and salute the members of the Armed Forces who protect our freedoms each day of the year.

<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Diamond Alley</b>
<b>9 p.m.</b>	<b>Welcome ...</b> <i>Mayor G. Frederick Robinson</i> <b>Introduction of Elected Officials</b> <b>Flag Ceremony</b> <b>National Anthem</b>
<b>9:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Fireworks</b>

Bring your flags, candles, friends, and families to the Park for this patriotic evening. All attendees are encouraged to dress in red, white and blue, or wear military attire if appropriate. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

The City invites everyone to Allen Pond Park, located at 3330 Northview Drive, on Sunday, July 4th to celebrate America!

Food and drinks will be on sale throughout the Park beginning at 3 p.m. Entertainment begins at the Robert V. Setera Amphitheater at 5:30 p.m. with the music of Diamond Alley, a premier variety band. Don't miss the fireworks at dark (approximately 9:15 p.m.). Excellent viewing locations and concessions can be found at both the Northview Drive and Mitchellville Road sides of the Park.

**Grills are permitted only in designated areas!** Due to both safety and humane concerns, pets will not be permitted in Allen Pond Park after 12 p.m. on July 4th. The rain date for fireworks only is Monday, July 5th. *For more information, please call 301-809-3011. See Page 8 for traffic and parking information.*

### Bowie Police Add Speed Camera Location

In June, speed cameras began operating on Belair Drive, near the Belair Annex to Bowie High School. With the new cameras on Belair Drive and the ones that have been in place since mid-April on Northview Drive, the Bowie Police now have two locations in the City where they are using cameras to help control vehicular speeds in school zones. More locations are planned. Speed cameras are in operation throughout the year, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. For more information, please contact the Bowie Police Department at 301-575-2480 or visit the Police Department page on the City website - [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

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## SHA Customer Service

You can do your part to help ensure the safest State roads in our community! The Maryland State Highway Administration has established an automated service request system on its website ([www.marylandroads.com](http://www.marylandroads.com)). The service request system may be used by residents to place a request for a SHA response to issues or pressing maintenance needs involving street lights, traffic signals, signage, mowing, litter, dead animals, etc. on State roadways. On the State website, click on **Contact Us** to access the **Service Request Menu**. The link for the service request site is [http://marylandsha.force.com/customercare/request\\_for\\_service](http://marylandsha.force.com/customercare/request_for_service).

An important phone number to keep handy is the one for the Statewide Operations Center, which handles all highway emergency situations **not requiring police assistance**, such as items in the roadway, sinkholes or traffic signal outages. Residents are free to call the toll free number - **1-800-543-2515** - to report these problems directly to a representative. Help us keep our City safe and beautiful!

## Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Bowie CERT team was established in 2008 as a resource for communities and the City during emergency situations. The CERT members are trained to respond and stabilize incidents using the Incident Command System (ICS) until the appropriate first responders can arrive. The team members are also used as a resource to support community events.

The group leader is Tulip Grove resident Shirley Robertson. The staff liaison and coordinator is the City's Emergency Management Resource Coordinator, Alan Creveling. The group conducts a meeting every other month at City Hall.

Bowie CERT members have responded to help with traffic, crowd control and communications in a variety of events including our City's H1N1 clinic on November 21, 2009, several H1N1 clinics at the Health Department, and the County's Department of Public Works and Transportation snow desk (during the February snowstorm response). The group has also participated in the Berwyn Heights Pandemic Flu drill and the Anne Arundel County Office of Emergency Management full scale exercise train crash. Other training and events include Bowiefest, National Night Out and online FEMA courses.

If you are interested in joining or learning about this community volunteer group, please contact Alan Creveling at 301-809-3079 or [acreveling@cityof-bowie.org](mailto:acreveling@cityof-bowie.org).

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

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## Summer at the City Gym

### Summer Basketball Camps

**HoopKidz Camps** – Boys and girls ages 3-13, June 21 - 24 and July 26 - 29. Information: [info@hoopkidz.com](mailto:info@hoopkidz.com), 1-888-466-7549 or 240-462-9284

**Todd Bozeman Basketball School** – Boys and girls ages 6-13, June 27 - July 1. Information: [TBBS@aol.com](mailto:TBBS@aol.com)

**Five Star Basketball Camp** – Boys ages 9-15, July 12 - 16. Information: [www.five-starfoundation.org](http://www.five-starfoundation.org) or 301-762-2121

**Byron Mouton's Sixth Man Skills Development** – Boys and girls ages 7-15, August 2 - 6. Information: [www.go6thman.com](http://www.go6thman.com)

### Summer Blood Drive

**Tuesday, July 6, 2 - 8 p.m.** The summer months produce a greater need for blood donations. Please give the Gift of Life! To schedule an appointment, please call 410-764-7000, extension 4692 or email [SponsorLink@usa.redcross.org](mailto:SponsorLink@usa.redcross.org).

### 6th Annual Back to School Bash!

**Saturday, August 21, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Tables are free to vendors offering information on fall and winter programming for Bowie youth. Vendors must register by Friday, **August 6th**. The event will also include music, moon bounces, children's games, school supply give-aways and more! For more information, please contact the Gym at 301-809-2388.

## Bowie Ice Arena



Bowie Ice Arena will once again offer summer skating camps and group lessons **beginning July 5**. For a brochure with registration information, please visit us online at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) or call **301-809-3090**.

### Summer Skating Camps

**Small Skate** – A half-day camp, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. during the weeks of **July 5** and **August 9**, for children of all skating levels ages 3 - 6. Campers participate in on-ice instruction, on and off-ice games and arts and crafts. Skaters put on a show at the end of the week.

**Summer Skate** – A full-day camp, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. during the weeks of **July 12**, **August 2**, and **August 16**, for children of all skating levels ages 6 - 13. Campers participate in on-ice instruction, on and off-ice games and arts and crafts. Skaters put on a show at the end of the week.

**Learn to Play Hockey** – A half-day camp, 2 - 5 p.m. during the week of **August 9**, for children ages 5 - 12 who have skating experience but who have limited or no hockey experience. Skaters must have basic skating skills and full ice hockey equipment. Emphasis will be placed on basic hockey skating, stick handling and puck control.

**Freestyle Skate** – An advanced level specialty day camp, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. during the weeks of **July 5** and **August 9**, for skaters at the Freestyle level. Camp includes on and off-ice instruction, strength training, choreography and ballet or Pilates.

**2 For 1 Admission**

**Bowie Ice Arena**

Valid during public skating session. Skate rental is \$2.75.

Expires 8/31/10

**\$10 Off Summer Camp Registration**

**Bowie Ice Arena**

Expires 8/31/10



## Young Person's Art Gallery



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

**July**  
2010 Poster Contest  
Winners

**August**  
2010 Photography Contest  
Winners

## Art Notes

**The City's Art Galleries** Bowie's City Hall is enriched by the artwork of local artists that is displayed in its four art galleries. Visitors to City Hall can enjoy artwork in the Young Person's Art Gallery, Visions of Bowie Art Gallery, City Hall Artist of the Month Art Gallery and the Conference Room Art Gallery.

With the move to the new City Hall, the City's Arts Committee will begin to make decisions about Art Gallery space starting this fall, but for now the community can continue to enjoy the current galleries at City Hall on Kenhill Drive. Because of the anticipated move, the Arts Committee is planning to meet with local artists to discuss gallery opportunities in both City Hall buildings. The Committee is also planning the following: Young Person's Art Gallery will run through December 2010; Visions of Bowie Art Gallery that was just changed in April will continue through December 2010, rather than changing in October 2010; City Hall Artist of the Month Art Gallery will run as usual through Fall 2010 with a special gallery planned for December 2010; and Conference Room Galleries in Rooms 204 and Room 111 will change in July 2010 and run the normal six months through December 2010.

The gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday. To find out more about the galleries, contact Annette Esterheld, Arts Specialist, 301-575-5601 or [aesterheld@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityofbowie.org).

**Youth Photo Contest "How I Spent My Summer Vacation"** is the theme for the 2010 Youth Photography Contest. The contest, sponsored by the City's Arts Committee, is open to all youth ages 6 to 18 who live within the municipal limits of Bowie or who attend a Bowie school.

All photos must be 8" by 10" and can be either black and white or color. All photos must be printed on photo paper and cannot be digitally altered or enhanced. Each photo must have the artist's name, age, address and phone number on the back. There is a \$50 first place prize and a \$25 second place prize and certificates for honorable mention. All prizes will be awarded at a reception that will be held at City Hall during the month of August. Photos must be submitted to City Hall by 5 p.m. on **Friday, July 16, 2010**. If you have any additional questions, please contact Photo Contest chairperson Margaret Suddeth at 301-262-9426, or Arts Specialist Annette Esterheld at 301-575-5601 or [aesterheld@cityof-bowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityof-bowie.org).

## Bowie Youth Chorus

The City's Youth Chorus will be back in the fall, even bigger and better. The Chorus recently sang at Bowiefest in June and had their first-ever concert in May 2010 at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts.

Directed by Ms. Eleanor Minor, the Youth Chorus included songs from Broadway in their first performances and even added choreography taught by Ms. Minor for songs like "There's No Business like Show Business" and "Ease on Down the Road." Minor plans to expand the group by offering two choruses - the Bowie Youth Chorus made up of youth in grades 5 through 8, and the Summit Singers consisting of youth in grades 9 through 12. The registration fee will remain \$50 for Bowie residents and \$55 for nonresidents. Additionally, there will be a costume/music fee for students.

Registration begins **August 2**. Register in person at the Community Services Department at City Hall or download registration forms online at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) to mail in. For more information about the Bowie Youth Chorus and the Summit Singers, contact Annette Esterheld, Arts Specialist, at 301-575-5601 or [aesterheld@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityofbowie.org).

## National Night Out

**August 3, 2010**

The Bowie Police Department will celebrate National Night Out on August 3rd from 6 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park.

National Night Out is a nationwide crime and drug prevention event designed to promote information sharing and community strength. The event will include police displays, child fingerprinting, free child ID cards, crime prevention and safety information. Children can meet Spiderman and enjoy a moonbounce, activities and free food. Please join us for an evening of family fun.

## Travel "Around the World In Just One Day" at the Bowie International Festival

Entertainers, artists, crafters, food, and children's activities will fill Allen Pond Park at the Bowie International Festival on **Saturday, October 2, 2010** (with a rain date of Sunday, October 3), from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Experiences at this Festival will take you "Around the World in Just One Day."

Bring your family and join friends and neighbors for the following activities: entertainment on two stages; food from the far reaches of Asia to right here in our own backyard; children's activities such as stories, international dance, sports and games from around the world; vendors of crafts, clothing, jewelry and many other offerings, representative of a variety of countries and cultures.

This Festival will include something of interest for everyone. Children may pick up a passport at any children's activity booth or the event information booth and participate in various activities, accumulating stamps at each. At the end of the "trip," children receive an international prize.

The International Festival Planning Committee is seeking sponsors to help cover the cost of children's activities and entertainment at the Festival. If you own, manage or work for a local business that would like to be a sponsor, please contact the City at the email or number below. Names of sponsors will be included in advance publicity and posted at this fun, entertaining event.

Join us for a day of celebration and exploration. For more information, please go to [www.cityof-bowie.org](http://www.cityof-bowie.org) (select Leisure Activities, then Special Events). You can also contact City Hall at 301-809-3011 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).



## Teachers of the Month



This program was developed several years ago as a way to recognize the wonderful teachers educating Bowie students. City residents, parents, students, teachers and other school staff are provided with 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 provided 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 Regional School.

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 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).

### **Roderick Mance of Samuel Ogle Middle School is the April Teacher of the Month.**

Mr. Mance was nominated by a student, Taylor Bendlin, and parent, Andrea Bendlin, who feel that this teacher "truly cares about his students."

Using a variety of teaching techniques, Mr. Mance creates a team learning environment, where students help one another to learn algebra. He encourages students to ask questions and is "fair and rigorous" in his teaching methods. Students create questions about new concepts, and then share these with one another. He also teaches by example, doing and showing his work to his students and assisting them in writing notes that help them "hone" their skills in each area.

Mr. Mance encourages parent participation. He is in contact with parents regularly, through the web page, where they can find out what is taught in class each day as

well as what the homework assignments are, and upcoming quizzes and tests.

Kathleen Brady, Principal at Samuel Ogle, refers to Mr. Mance as a "dynamic teacher whose mathematics content knowledge, instructional techniques, dedication and determination contribute to his overall success with students. He provides a structured learning environment within which his students thrive."

### **Vicki Dinch of Kenilworth Elementary School is the May Teacher of the Month.**

Mrs. Dinch, a third grade teacher, is described as a very devoted teacher. She was nominated by parent, Leigha McGuin, who applauds this teacher's efforts since her daughter was diagnosed with ADHD. Ms. McGuin recognizes that it takes a lot of effort to support a classroom of 20+ students, in an "environment conducive for learning" and trying to "meet every individual student's needs." Mrs.

Dinch is sensitive to the needs of each child and willing to adapt to these needs.

This is a teacher who is personally and professionally dedicated to ensuring that children are not "left behind." She is in constant communication with parents about student progress and concerns. She dedicates a lot of time, patience and devotion to the children in her class. She is an outstanding teacher and an asset to the school.

According to Mr. Mills, Principal at Kenilworth Elementary School, "She is one of the most creative and dynamic teachers I know. She has the amazing ability to develop an instant rapport with her students, which enables her to lead them in any directions." This teacher possesses three qualities that people most admire in teachers: "a love of learning, enthusiasm for the content she teaches, and a love of children."

## City Scholarship Awards

The City awards scholarships for “Arts” and “Excellence in Education” to graduating high school students who are residents of Bowie. This spring, the Arts and Education Committees received 37 applications from very talented, creative, well-rounded applicants. Two students were selected to receive Arts Scholarships and five were selected to receive Excellence in Education Scholarships. Congratulations to this year’s winners. We wish the following students great success in their studies:

Arts Scholarships were awarded to:

- **Angeleaza Anderson** - Attending Christopher Newport University majoring in music theatre and dance.
- **Cynthia Hernandez** - Attending the University of Maryland, College Park majoring in graphic design.

Education Scholarships were awarded to:

- **Eric Hamel** - Attending the University of Maryland, College Park, Scholars’ Program majoring in Public Leadership.
- **Shannon James** - Attending the University of Maryland, College Park majoring in English.
- **Stephanie Lopez** - Attending Johns Hopkins University majoring in International Studies.
- **Gabriella Sinkovic** - Attending North Carolina State University majoring in Professional Golf Management.
- **Chloe Washington** - Attending Ithaca College majoring in music.

If you would like to know more about the City’s scholarship programs, please contact Arts Specialist Annette Esterheld at [aesterheld@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityofbowie.org) or 301-575-5601, or Community Outreach Specialist Leni Stern at [lstern@cityofbowie.org](mailto:lstern@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3068.

## Bowie Playhouse Presents



### OPERA IN THE WOODS -- 7/13 - 7/17

The Maryland Opera Society (MOS) will present four performances of “Le Nozze de Figaro” (The Marriage of Figaro) in Italian at the Bowie Playhouse this summer. Besides four performances of the opera, the MOS will also present fully staged, major scenes from the works of Gilbert and Sullivan, Frank Loesser, and Rodgers and Hammerstein. The performances are part of a Summer Opera Workshop that is designed to give the emerging professional opera singer, not only an opportunity to prepare and perform well-loved classical music, but also to study with an accomplished, professional faculty.

For further information, check out the MOS website at [www.mdoperasociety.com](http://www.mdoperasociety.com).

### SAME TIME NEXT YEAR -- 7/30 - 8/14

One of the most popular romantic comedies of all time, “Same Time Next Year” ran four years on Broadway, winning a Tony Award for actress Ellen Burstyn, who later recreated her role for the successful motion picture version of the play. The plot follows a love affair between two people, married to others, but who rendezvous once a year. Twenty-five years of manners, morals and attitudes are hilariously enacted by the couple, Doris and George. Produced by Bowie Community Theatre, performances are at

8 p.m on Fridays and Saturdays and matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$17 General Admission/\$12 Seniors (62+) and Students with a valid ID. Group rates are available. For reservations, contact BCT’s hotline at 301-805-0219 or online at [www.BCTTheatre.com](http://www.BCTTheatre.com).



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.

## Children's Activities in the Parks

Programs for children of all ages. They are free but registration is required and space is limited, so sign up early! Activities require adult chaperones.

**Lights of the Night - July 16**, 8:45 p.m. at Whitemarsh Park. Learn about things you might see and hear at night. Take a short walk, then finish up by making your very own light.

**Campfire Story - July 17**, 7:30 p.m. at Whitemarsh Park. Gather around a campfire for a story and roast some marshmallows.

**Critter Crafts and Stories - July 23**, 10 a.m. at Allen Pond Park. Hear a nature story, go for a short hike and make a craft.

**What's in the Water? - August 12**, 10 a.m. at Allen Pond Park. Watch a Ranger seining in Allen Pond and learn about water pollution.

**Nature Detective Scavenger Hunt - August 20**, 10 a.m. at Allen Pond Park. Discover animal tracks and look for animals.

**In the Park After Dark - August 21**, 7:30 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Hear a nature story and roast marshmallows.

For information and registration, contact Alice Martinek at [amartinek@cityofbowie.org](mailto:amartinek@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-2397.

## Beautification Awards

In early July, City staff and two nationally accredited members of the Landscape Design Critics Council of the National Capitol Area Federation of Garden Clubs plan to conduct yard judging of all 2010 Beautification Award entrants. The City will host a Beautification Awards Program Ceremony on Thursday, September 23, 2010 at the Bowie Senior Center. A slide presentation and refreshments will begin at 7 p.m. and the awards presentation beginning at 7:30 p.m. For additional information, please contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

## 4th of July Traffic Information

### Parking

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

Public parking is available at the Mitchellville Road soccer fields (beginning at 5 p.m.) and on side streets.

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

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

### Exit Traffic Plan - In Effect 9:30 - 11 p.m.

Traffic exiting the parking lot of Allen Pond Park must turn right onto Northview Drive. Northview Drive will be two lanes out to Route 197 and one lane toward Mitchellville Road.

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

Vehicles traveling south on Mitchellville Road toward Route 301 may turn right onto Mt. Oak Road. All traffic leaving the Mitchellville Road ballfield site must turn right onto Mitchellville Road toward Route 197.

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

Please obey the directions of the City of Bowie and Prince George's County Police Officers, as changes may occur. **Thank you for your cooperation. For more information, contact City Hall at 301-809-3011.**

## Bowie's Stream Team CleanUp

On Saturday, April 17, 2010, the City held its fifth stream cleanup. Not only was this one a success, but we are never amazed at the stuff that continues to be found in our streams! Volunteer Stream Teams followed their dedicated and fearless leaders into Bowie's streams – that was 242 people, and they removed a total of nearly 9,000 pounds of trash, recyclable items, scrap metal and bulk trash from all six stream segments -- that's a lot of junk! How in the world does so much stuff end up in the streams that run through our neighborhoods? Well, people toss trash, plastic bottles, cigarette butts, and all sorts of things out of their car windows onto the road. When it rains, all this litter is washed from the streets into the nearest storm drain and usually travels directly into the stream! Some folks decide to dump larger items in the stream or nearby, rather than call the Public Works Department for a special trash pickup.

Cleanup days are a good time for family, friends, or a group to get out into the environment and experience nature while working to protect Bowie's important natural resources. We would love to have you, your church group or civic association, your homeowners' association, or your school class join us, and we always have room for additional Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. We provide volunteers with supplies, and all you need to do is pick up trash and have fun! You'll also learn a whole lot about yourself and your neighbors, and you'll never think about the streams the same way again.

At the Saddlebrook Branch site near the old race track, a mound of scrap metal and bulk items were removed from just this stream section. This site alone had well over 100 volunteers and they had plenty to do! Our other teams found lots of interesting items too, including a No Dumping sign, the hood of a car, a leaky lawnmower, hundreds of drink bottles and cans, and tires.

If you want to join our volunteers in October for our next cleanup, contact Tiffany Wright, the City's Watershed Manager at 301-809-3043 or [twright@cityofbowie.org](mailto:twright@cityofbowie.org). Prince George's County public school students can receive service learning hours for participating. We would like to add more streams to our list to clean, but we need additional stream team leaders. Being a leader is not a difficult task – it just requires a little work up front, but it is quite rewarding. We look forward to seeing everyone in October!



### 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. Place all of your papers, cardboard, junk mail, catalogs (tied in bundles or put in bags so that 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, and plastic bags (tied up to keep them from blowing around).

Recycling helps save the planet and saves all City residents a minimum of \$50 per ton in landfill costs!

## 2010 Sunday Sunset Concert Series

**Robert V. Setera Amphitheater**

**Allen Pond Park, 7 - 8 p.m.**

These concerts offer relaxing entertainment for the entire family. All concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather.

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| <b>July 11</b> | <b>Electric Company</b><br><i>80's Cover</i>                                    |
| <b>July 18</b> | <b>Takoma Park Community Band</b><br><i>Concert Performance</i>                 |
| <b>July 25</b> | <b>Cunningham Project</b><br><i>R&amp;B</i>                                     |
| <b>Aug. 1</b>  | <b>The Back Pages Band</b><br><i>60's Cover</i>                                 |
| <b>Aug. 8</b>  | <b>David Bach</b><br><i>Contemporary Jazz</i>                                   |
| <b>Aug. 15</b> | <b>d.c. Motors</b><br><i>Classic Rock</i>                                       |
| <b>Aug. 22</b> | <b>Annapolis Bluegrass</b><br><i>Bluegrass</i>                                  |
| <b>Aug. 29</b> | <b>US Army Blues</b><br><i>Jazz</i>   |
| <b>Sept. 5</b> | <b>US Naval Academy</b><br><b>Salute to America Concert</b><br><i>Patriotic</i> |

For more information, contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

## Bowie Playhouse Welcomes Jazz, Rock and Hip Hop Concert Series

The Bowie Playhouse is taking on a youthful vibe this year with a new offering of three music concerts designed by and for college-age young adults and their young-at-heart friends and neighbors. Starting in August, the concerts will showcase up-and-coming local music artists from the metro D.C./Maryland area, many offering new original music. The first concert, **Friday, August 20** at 7 p.m. will feature rock bands. Future concert plans include jazz and hip hop.

There will be a small cover charge and a portion of the proceeds will be given to youth-selected charities. The Bowie Prevention Network, the Bowie Youth & Family Services, and the City's Arts Committee are initiating this concert series to promote the talent and development of the young people in our community, as well as providing an accessible source of good music and positive entertainment. Your support of this concert series is appreciated and encouraged. For more information, contact Andra Berry at [aberry@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aberry@cityofbowie.org) or Annette Esterheld at [aesterheld@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityofbowie.org), or call Bowie Youth and Family Services at (301) 809-3033.

## Snakes

We're into the season, April through October, when Animal Control receives a large volume of calls for snakes. These calls are mostly from residents observing snakes in the yard. Other calls are requests for the removal of snakes from the inside of a home, shed or garage. Snakes are highly misunderstood creatures with a bad reputation due largely to their appearance. When snakes are left alone, they are beneficial predators of rats, mice and insects. Being cold-blooded, they do not carry the rabies virus. The vast majority of snakes seen in Bowie are non-venomous black or "rat snakes." They can reach a length of six (6) feet and are harmless to humans. If you see a snake in your yard, the best thing to do is nothing, and it will go away on its own. However, if you see a snake in your home, shed or garage, do not attempt to remove or harm it. You should call Bowie Animal Control and let us handle it. We have the proper tools and experience to properly remove the snake. Snakes removed by a Bowie Animal Control Officer are safely relocated into the wild. Please remember that all snakes are considered non-game wildlife and cannot be molested or killed under Maryland Law. For more information regarding snakes, please contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002 or [tdodge@cityofbowie.org](mailto:tdodge@cityofbowie.org).

## Street Sweeping Is Underway

Street sweeping is underway in City neighborhoods. Streets are cleaned approximately every seven weeks according to the schedule below. Please help us by parking cars in driveways when the street sweeper is due to visit your neighborhood. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.

Week of	Neighborhood
July 5	Belair Town II, Chapel Forge, Idlewild, LongLeaf, Old Stage, Overbrook, Saddlebrook, Saddlebrook West, Tulip Grove, Victoria Heights and Yorktown
July 12	Ensleigh, Essington, Foxhill, Gateway/Renaissance, Heather Hills, Huntington Crest, Long Ridge, Old Chapel, Old Chapel Estates, Princeton Square, Rockledge, Rolling Hills and Whitehall
July 19	Buckingham, Derbyshire, Kenilworth, Science Center and Vistas
July 26	Amber Meadows, Ashleigh, Greystone, Pointer Ridge, Ridgeview Estates, Tall Oaks, Ternberry and Woodmore Estates
August 2	Allen Pond, Collington Manor, Covington Manor, Enfield Chase, Glen Allen, Mitchellville East, Northview, Oak Pond, Oaktree, Palisades and Pin Oak Village
August 9	Belair Greens, Collington Station, Devonshire, Fairview, Grady's Walk, Grovehurst, Highbridge Park, Huntington, Northridge, Stewart's Landing, Westview and Woodmore Highlands
August 16	Belair Town I, Meadowbrook and Somerset
August 23	Belair Town II, Chapel Forge, Idlewild, LongLeaf, Old Stage, Overbrook, Saddlebrook, Saddlebrook West, Tulip Grove, Victoria Heights and Yorktown
August 30	Ensleigh, Essington, Foxhill, Gateway/Renaissance, Heather Hills, Huntington Crest, Long Ridge, Old Chapel, Old Chapel Estates, Princeton Square, Rockledge, Rolling Hills and Whitehall

## Education Grants Available

The Grants for Education program is one of the many ways that the City supports education. These grants provide funds to teachers, PTAs, PTOs, or individuals for projects developed to enhance the learning experiences of students or to provide educational enrichment within eligible schools. (Please see Page 6, *Teachers of the Month* item for the list of eligible schools.) Grant applications are available on the City's website - [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org). The deadline for applications is **October 14, 2010**. Applications were made available before the end of the school year, to give educators a chance to plan their projects as they plan for the 2010-2011 school year. For more information, contact Leni Stern at 301-809-3068 or [lstern@cityofbowie.org](mailto:lstern@cityofbowie.org).

## Thanks for Donating Books

The Bowie Education Committee distributed many children's books at their reading promotion booth, Bowie Reads, at Bowiefest in June. We were able to do this because many generous people donated books to share with children. We thank all of you! For more information, please contact the Education Committee at [lstern@cityofbowie.org](mailto:lstern@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3068.

## The Bowie Food Pantry

Thank you for your donations at the **Memorial Day Parade** and **Bowiefest!** Pantry donations will continue to be accepted during the **Sunday Concert Series** at Allen Pond Park held each Sunday summer evening through September 5, 2010. The Food Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund 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 at City Hall and the Senior Center, for nonperishable food, paper goods and personal items. For more information, contact the Pantry at 301-262-6765 or [BowieFoodPantry@gmail.com](mailto:BowieFoodPantry@gmail.com).

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## Code Corner ... Municipal Infractions (M.I.s)

The City uses municipal infractions as one of many processes and tools to ensure compliance with the City Code. Municipal infractions are civil citations authorized under Article 23A of the Maryland Code and are issued by Code Compliance and Animal Control Officers and Park Rangers. They are normally issued when other mechanisms to gain compliance have failed.

The Community Services Department takes significant steps to educate and promote compliance with the City Code. The Code is available on the City's website - [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org). Code Compliance, Animal Control and Parks brochures are located in several display cases at City Hall and are included with the "Welcome to Bowie" package provided to new City residents. Concerns and questions regarding the Code can be directed to the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 or [lransom@cityofbowie.org](mailto:lransom@cityofbowie.org); the Animal Control Office at 301-809-3002 or [tdodge@cityofbowie.org](mailto:tdodge@cityofbowie.org); or the Park Operations Office at 301-809-3011 or [ekennedy@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ekennedy@cityofbowie.org).

Here are some facts concerning municipal infractions (M.I.s):

- M.I.s are primarily issued to the property owner(s), though other individuals such as a tenant or a vehicle owner, may also be fined.
- A municipal infraction, where no specific penalty is provided in the Code, is punishable by a \$100 fine for the first offense and \$200 for every subsequent offense.
- A municipal infraction may be issued for each day a violation exists.
- The original monetary fine may be doubled if payment is not received within 20 calendar days or a request to stand trial is not received within 15 calendar days.
- The "standard of proof" for a M.I. is "clear and convincing evidence" not "evidence beyond a reasonable doubt".
- A warning notice or a "Notice of Violation" is not required before the issuance of a M.I. by a Code Compliance Officer. Only under unique circumstances, i.e. habitual repeat violator, are M.I.s issued without sending a warning notice first.
- Often, through the issuance of a M.I., the Code Compliance Officer will seek the payment of a monetary fine and petition the District Court for a court order to abate/correct the violation.
- A default judgment and an abatement order may be obtained at the District Court hearing even if the defendant does not appear.
- When a Code violation is corrected by the City, a bill is sent to the property owner and if not paid within 30 days, a lien can be placed against the property and will appear on the subsequent tax bill.

## Maintained in a Workmanlike State of Maintenance and Repair

Chapter 5, Article II of the Bowie "Property Maintenance Code", requires every residential and commercial building or structure to be maintained in a "workmanlike state of maintenance and repair". Just what does this mean? "Workmanlike state of maintenance and repair" means every wall, roof, foundation and all other exterior surfaces of a house, shed, gazebo, or any other structure on the lot, shall be maintained in a reasonable, skillful manner. The exterior surfaces should be kept free of holes, rust, peeling paint, corrosion, loose or rotting boards. Repairs shall not be haphazard or inept and should conform to reasonable accepted practices.

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## Bowie Youth and Family Services (BYFS)

**301-809-3033**

When you have concerns about your child's behavior, are faced with making a crucial decision, are worried about possible substance abuse, or need help in resolving a dilemma that is impeding potential goals, relationships, or happiness, BYFS can often help. Each year, hundreds of children and their families are seen by BYFS for counseling. Regardless of the cause of a child's problem, from adjusting to a new situation to serious emotional problems such as depression or anxiety disorders, or other concerns, effective treatments are available. BYFS is one of the State of Maryland's 19 Youth Services Bureaus and has been serving the City for more than 35 years. BYFS offers counseling for families with school-age children living in the home. Groups are offered on a variety of topics, including groups for those who want guidance with parenting skills, social skills for young children, or parenting children with ADHD.

**Cost:** Family counseling services are provided free to residents within the corporate limits of the City of Bowie and on a sliding fee scale to those residing outside these boundaries. No medical assistance or insurance is accepted.

**Staff:** BYFS staff is composed of Master's level clinicians with extensive training in family counseling.

**Referrals:** Families are encouraged to call **301-809-3033** for more information or to make an appointment. An initial intake will be done, either by phone or in person.

### Teen Job Bank

Bowie teens, want some extra spending money? Go online - [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org), or call **301-809-3033** for an application to sign up to help citizens with jobs like baby-sitting, snow shoveling, lawn and yard work, housework, etc. You must be 13-17 years old to sign up. Need help, Bowie citizens? Call **301-809-3033** to get names of teens that are willing to help you for a fee.

### Mentors Needed for Teen Mentor Program

Imagine an hour that impacts a lifetime. Volunteers, men and women, are needed for the City's Bowie 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 the mentors receive the satisfaction of helping students build personal confidence and strategies to navigate the challenges of the teen years and success in high school.

The Bowie Prevention Network and the Teen Mentoring Program have been helping teens at Bowie High School for more than eight years. The need for teens to experience and benefit from significant, positive adult relationships has never been greater. At this time the Teen Mentoring Program is in need of men and women willing to mentor students who have already applied to the program and are awaiting a mentor. This is an opportunity to make a meaningful difference in a young person's life. These students have reached out for help and support and we do not want to disappoint them.

You can help by contacting Rhonda Simon, Mentor Program Coordinator at [mentor@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mentor@cityofbowie.org), or Andra Berry, Prevention Coordinator, Bowie Youth & Family Services at 301-809-3033.

## News of the City Museums



### Mark Your Calendar

#### Horsing Around - Tuesday Time Travelers

**Tuesday, July 13, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. Enjoy Belair's horse history and a stable tour. For ages 5 - 11. No reservations required. Free.

#### Kids Kaboose at Bowie Railroad Station Museum

**Thursday, July 15, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.** Enjoy a morning of railroad stories and fun. For ages 1 - 10. No reservations required. Free.

#### Mrs. Rumney's Housewifery School for Young Ladies

**Monday, July 26, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. Young ladies ages 6-11 are invited to learn housekeeping skills – embroidery, butter making, and polite deportment – from Colonel Tasker's housekeeper! Reservations, please. Free.

#### Not All On the Wall - Tuesday Time Travelers

**Tuesday, August 17, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. Explore art and objects at the Mansion. For ages 5 - 11. No reservations required. Free.

#### Kids Kaboose at Bowie Railroad Station Museum

**Thursday, August 19, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.** Enjoy a morning of railroad stories and fun. For ages 1 - 10. No reservations required. Free.

#### Marching with Rochambeau

**Saturday, August 28, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. Colonial Troops offer a glimpse of Army life on the road to Yorktown to defeat the British! Free.

Plan a stay-at-home vacation this summer...visit a City Museum! Operating hours are posted on this page. All City Museum sites are free. Don't miss Belair Stable's new exhibit on Gallant Fox, winner of the 1930 Triple Crown.

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

## Museum Hours of Operation

#### Belair Mansion,

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

#### Belair Stable Museum,

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

#### Old Town Bowie Welcome

**Center,** Tuesdays - Sundays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 8606 Chestnut Avenue, 301-575-2488. Free.

#### Bowie Railroad Museum,

Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 8614 Chestnut Avenue. Free.

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

#### 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.*

#### The Prince George's Genealogical Library,

Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. (first Wednesday of the month 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.), Tulip Grove Drive. Free. *For information, call 301-262-2063 during open hours.*

## Senior Services Overview

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

## Celebrate Diversity

**Tuesday, July 6**  
**12:30 - 2 p.m.**

It is the legacy of America, the melting pot in all its variety that the Center will celebrate on Heritage Day. You are invited to come (in costume, if you like) to share memories of your forbearers through music, song, dance, prose, poetry, recipes or any other medium that offers a peek at cultures of other lands or other times. There will be an open mic so everyone will have a chance to make a presentation of his or her choice. Please signup and confirm your participation at the front desk by July 2.

## Outside/Inside Activities

Are you looking for some natural vitamin D? Enjoy the Center's outside activities - bocce, horseshoes and walking the labyrinth, or just chilling on the patio. If you like bocce, the Center's second tournament is underway; call for information. The Center also has inside sports activities -- table tennis, billiards and shuffleboard tournaments.

Active Adult 55+  
**Active Adult 55+**

## SAGE (Seasoned Adults Growing Educationally)

The Bowie Senior Center is excited to continue its partnership with the Prince George's Community College SAGE program. A wide variety of over 60 continuing education classes are offered at the Center weekly.

Seniors can register through the Prince George's Community College SAGE office for classes such as: Painting, Drawing, Literature, Stained Glass, Choral Master Pieces, Tai Chi, Music Appreciation, Piano, Current Issues, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Sign Language, World Religions, Great Peace Makers, Holocaust, Vietnam the War that No One Wanted, Knitting and Crocheting, Quilting, Water Color, Labyrinth Living, Ballroom Dancing, Line Dancing, Dance Variety, Tap Dancing, Yoga, Enhance Fitness, Pilates, Writing Memoirs, History through Hollywood, Jewelry Making, Studio Fine Art, Living Well with Chronic Conditions, Estate Planning, Enneagram, Stories of the Midlife Traveler and more.

Fall classes begin the week of October 4. For information and a class schedule, please contact 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.

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### **Keep Your Pet Safe ... Microchip**

For many reasons, a pet may become separated from his or her owner. This may be due to a gate being left open or a quick dart from a car or front door. One way to improve the chance that your beloved pet will be returned to you is by having a microchip implanted. This is a simple procedure which, when accompanied by the proper registration, will enable an Animal Control Officer or Shelter to locate an owner and return the animal.

To encourage pet owners to have the chip implanted, the City has partnered with local Veterinarian Dr. James Peterson and the Highway Veterinary Hospital, located at 2604 Crain Highway, to provide low cost microchipping for pets belonging to City residents. The cost for inserting the microchip and registering your contact information is only \$15 per pet. Pet owners can take advantage of this fantastic opportunity by visiting the Animal Control Office located in City Hall between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to purchase a voucher. Once the voucher has been obtained, the pet owner can call Highway Veterinary Hospital to schedule an appointment to have the chip implanted and complete the registration forms.

To qualify for this special low rate, the pet must have a current Prince George's County license and the owner must show proof of City of Bowie residency. Don't wait. Protect your pet today!

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002 or [tdodge@cityofbowie.org](mailto:tdodge@cityofbowie.org).



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