

Bowie Spotlight

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Census 2010 is Here!

In March 2010, more than 130 million addresses throughout the nation will receive a Census form, either by mail or in person, from the Census Bureau. **Households should return the completed form by Census Day, April 1.** Responses to the Census questions should include everyone living at your address. 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.

Everyone will receive the short form containing a few general questions, some of which have subsections asking about each person residing within the household. 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. If you have received a longer form from the Census Bureau, the *American Community Survey*, please know that it is an ongoing survey sent to a random sample of the population throughout the year. It is not the 2010 Census.

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's personal information with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. All of the information you provide is strictly confidential. It will only be used for the specific purposes of the Census. Every person matters, so please send in your completed form. Addresses that have not responded by late April will be visited in person by a Census worker between late April and July. Census workers can be identified by a Census badge and bag that they will be carrying.

For more information about the Census or to view the actual questionnaire, visit the Census Bureau website - www.census.gov or the City of Bowie website - www.cityofbowie.org. The City encourages all residents to complete the Census form and return it promptly.

You are Cordially Invited to Attend the 2010 Arbor Day Celebration 10 a.m. April 10th at Acorn Hill Park

Ceremonies will include the presentation of the Tree City USA and Maryland PLANT Community Awards to the City. This will be the 18th consecutive year Bowie has received these awards. We will also plant an Arbor Day tree. We hope you will be able to attend this event.

Acorn Hill Park is located at the intersection of Stonybrook Drive and Sage Lane. For more information, please contact Rick Kellner at 301-809-3061 or rkellner@cityofbowie.org.

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Do Not Fear! Spring Is Almost Here!

I never cease to be amazed at how quickly time passes. This has been an unusually cold and snowy winter following the previously wet spring, summer and fall. For the first time in a long while, we are truly out of the drought years of the 2000's. Spring is always the time when most of us think about sprucing up the landscape with new plants and seasonal maintenance. So, if you want to get a head start, here's a checklist I often use:

Lawn/Turfgrass:

- Remove leaves and debris from all lawn and landscape areas as early as possible.
- Perform a soil test and follow recommendations for applying lime for correct pH adjustment and for a beneficial fertilizer formulation anytime when the ground is not frozen.
- Apply lime according to the soil test as early as possible when the ground is not frozen a week or two before fertilizing.
- Apply a slow-release lawn fertilizer with crabgrass control in early Spring (between March 21st and April 15th) on the lawn.
- Apply a broadleaf weed control with or without fertilizer in May or June to control dandelions, clover, chickweed, etc.

Landscape Plantings:

- Prune deadwood and misshapen growth from landscape shrubs and trees.
- Edge planting beds and tree rings with a spade, remove debris, and apply shredded hardwood mulch to a depth of 2-3 inches, being careful not to overdo it and not to pile mulch up against the stem of any plants.
- If soil tests or plant appearance warrants plant fertilization, there are many options. Choose an organic slow-release material that is designed for the specified plant material in your yard.
- If weeds have been a noticeable problem in your mulched areas, consider the use of a specially designed "pre-emergent" herbicide to control the germination of new weed seeds while you are in the process of mulching your landscape areas. Apply this material after reading the product label before weeds begin to grow.
- Having thought through what, if any, plants and flowers you intend to add to the landscape in consideration of our geographical zone and your immediate environment, try to install hardy trees, shrubs, and perennials as early as possible (prior to bud break), and plant annual flowers after the threat of frost is generally over.

So, hope these thoughts move us all to work outside and enjoy the beauty. Spring is almost here! Don't forget to take advantage of the BGE tree vouchers from the BERAP tree removals. Also, don't forget **Arbor Day** in the City of Bowie will be **Saturday, April 10, 2010** at Acorn Hill Park. Please come join us. See you there! Rick Kellner, Community Forester

Code Corner

Lawn and Property Maintenance - Grass and Weeds

Spring is just around the corner and residents and property owners are reminded of their responsibilities concerning tall grass and weeds.

Mow your grass and cut your weeds before they exceed eight (8) inches in height.

- A property where grass and/or weeds exceed eight (8) inches in height may be declared a “public nuisance”. The placing of a notice on the front of the property is deemed proper notification. Once the property has been posted, the property owner, tenant or a person in possession of the property will have seven (7) days to cut the grass and weeds. If the public nuisance exists on the eighth (8th) day, the City may remove the nuisance with the costs assessed against the property. Fines may be issued.
- Pay particular attention to weeds and grass that may grow against your house, alongside your fence and property lines, driveway or landscaped areas. Ensure they do not exceed eight (8) inches in height.
- Property owners with backyards or side yards abutting a street, alley or lane in the City, are responsible for mowing and cutting the grass between their property line and the adjacent street.

When mowing, do not discharge the grass clippings into the street.

If you or your lawn maintenance service bag grass clippings do not place the bags in the street. Place the bags atop the curb. Do not place the bags at the curb prior to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays for Wednesdays scheduled yard waste pickup. Consider scheduling your lawn maintenance service to mow and bag the grass on Tuesdays.

Edge the sidewalk adjacent to your property. Keep the entire sidewalk pavement clear of any grass, weeds, brush or briars. Property owners or tenants living on a corner lot or whose backyard adjoins a public sidewalk, must maintain the sidewalk areas too.

There may be an occasion or circumstance where a property owner may be unable to maintain their yard. Help is available. If assistance is needed, please contact one of the following City programs: Neighbors Helping Neighbors at 301-809-3013 or the Youth Job Bank at 301-809-3033.

Please report any residential or commercial properties where a public nuisance exists to the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008. For additional information, contact the Code Compliance Office.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 2 - 8 p.m.

City of Bowie Gymnasium

4100 Northview Drive

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

Budget Review Begins in April

City Council begins reviewing the proposed **FY 2010-11 Budget and Capital Improvements Program** in April. This Budget will take effect on **July 1, 2010**. The public is invited to attend all of the Council Meetings, Public Hearings and Budget Worksessions, on this Budget. All meetings begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

April 12, 2010	Budget Introduction and Budget Worksession #1 - General Fund Revenues, CIP and Capital Projects Fund
April 19, 2010	Public Hearing
April 22, 2010	Budget Worksession #2 - Public Works, Water and Sewer Fund
April 26, 2010	Budget Worksession #3 - Community Services
May 3, 2010	Public Hearing
May 5, 2010	Budget Worksession #4 - City Manager's Office, Police, Finance and Nondepartmental
May 10, 2010	Budget Worksession #5 - Planning and Economic Development, Information Technology, Equipment Acquisition Fund, General Fund Summaries, Appendix and Wrap-up
May 17, 2010	Adoption of Budget and Capital Improvements Program

Donate to the Food Pantry

Please continue to donate to the Food Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund 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, where you may drop nonperishable food, paper goods and personal items.

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

Arts and Education Scholarships

The City will again offer Excellence in Education and Arts Scholarships for high school seniors. Scholarship applications have been sent to high schools attended by Bowie students. Also, high school guidance departments have information regarding both scholarship programs. The application deadline for both scholarships is **Friday, March 26, 2010**.

Schools are asked to nominate high school seniors who are City residents and meet the eligibility criteria for the **Excellence in Education Scholarship**. Students must live within the corporate limits of the City and have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5. Interested individuals should 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 about the Excellence in Education Scholarship, contact Education Committee Liaison Leni Stern at lstern@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3068.

The City **Arts Scholarship** requires that the student live within the corporate limits of the City and have a cumulative 3.0 grade point average. Students must have applied to major in a visual or performing art field. Arts Scholarship applications may be obtained at high schools, on the City's website - www.cityofbowie.org, or at City Hall in the Department of Community Services. For more information about the Arts Scholarship, contact Arts Committee Liaison Annette Esterheld at aesterheld@cityofbowie.org or 301-575-5601.



Art Notes

Music at the Bowie Playhouse

With three resident theatre companies at the Bowie Playhouse, the stage is rarely dark. Through the year, each company (2nd Star Productions, Bowie Community Theatre and Prince George's Little Theatre) produces three or four plays. Of the three groups, only 2nd Star regularly produces musicals. This season, 2009-2010, the fine, high quality 2nd Star musicals will be joined by other musicals. Prince George's Little Theatre starts the current season with "Bye Bye Birdie" (April 30 - May 15), and ends the season as the producers of a summer teen musical production of "Les Miserables" (July 30 - August 14). The summer teen production is under the direction of Eddie Haggerty and Eleanor Minor. In between, 2nd Star Productions brings the enchanting musical "Secret Garden" (June 4 - July 3) to the Playhouse and the Maryland Opera Society showcases young emerging opera professionals in a production entitled "Opera in the Woods" (June 28 - July 11). *For tickets and more information, contact the groups directly - Bowie Community Theatre, 301-805-0219; Prince George's Little Theatre, 301-937-7458; 2nd Star Productions, 410-757-5700 or 301-832-4819. All performances will be held at the Bowie Playhouse, 16500 Whitemarsh Park Drive.*

City Days at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts

The City is one of the partners at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. Every year the City is allotted a specific number of days for scheduling activities. Some of those days are used for City events, while others are made available to the community through a grants program. In the coming months along with performances by the Bowie Senior Chorale and the Bowie Youth Chorus, the City is sponsoring the Prince George's Choral Society, who will be joined by the "Sounds of Steel," a steel band made up of middle school and high school students from the Northside Urban Pathways Charter School in Pittsburgh, PA; and a performance of "Pirates of the Chesapeake" by the Ballet Theatre of Maryland from Annapolis, MD. Check the BCPA's website, www.bowiecenter.org, for more information or to purchase tickets for these events. For groups interested in applying to use one of the City days at the Center, contact the City's Arts Specialist Annette Esterheld at aesterheld@cityofbowie.org or 301-575-5601.

For more information about these items, please contact Arts Specialist Annette Esterheld at aesterheld@cityofbowie.org or 301-575-5601.

Young Person's Art Gallery



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

March

Tulip Grove Elementary School

April

Kenilworth and High Bridge Elementary Schools

Our Spring Stream Cleanup is Here!

It's hard to believe, but despite the fact that snow still haunts us, the Spring Stream Team Cleanup is right around the corner. On **April 17, 2010**, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., volunteers from across the City and beyond will set out as part of Stream Teams to remove trash and debris from the streams in Buckingham, Heather Hills, Idlewild, Kenilworth, Long Ridge, Meadowbrook (two sites), Pointer Ridge (two sites), and Whitehall/Saddlebrook neighborhoods.

Volunteers have removed over 6300 pounds of trash and 5500 pounds of recyclables since these biannual cleanups began in April 2008. All of this litter and debris has been kept from streams, the Patuxent River and the Chesapeake Bay! It's a big job, and we need your help!

We encourage schools, churches, civic groups, homeowners associations and businesses to work in their streams. Students who volunteer are eligible for Student Service Learning hours. Adult volunteers and the parents/guardians of minor volunteers must complete a release form prior to the cleanup. Teams will work rain or shine. The City will provide volunteers with all supplies, water and a Bowie Stream Team T-shirt. You just need to have sturdy shoes or boots, long sleeves, and fun!

We are in need of additional team leaders, as we would like to clean more streams. To volunteer or for more information, contact the City's Watershed Manager, Tiffany Wright at 301-809-3043 or twright@cityofbowie.org or visit www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie. We look forward to seeing you in April!



Contact the Bowie Police Department

The Bowie Police Department operates on the Prince George's County communications system. To report a crime or have a police officer respond in a **non-emergency** capacity, please call **301-333-4000**.

The Bowie Police Department can be reached Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at **301-575-2480**.

In an emergency, always call 911.

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 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 or 301-809-3047.

Memorial Day Parade

Everyone loves a parade and Bowie residents are no exception. The Memorial Day Parade is a great opportunity for family, friends and neighbors to remember the heroes of our armed forces who made this day possible. This year's parade will be held on **Saturday, May 29th**.

The parade will begin at **11 a.m.** at the Bowie High School Annex (3021 Belair Drive), turn right onto Belair Drive and will continue right onto Sussex Lane, and make another right onto Stonybrook Drive. The parade will then turn left onto Sage Lane.

The reviewing stand will be located in Acorn Hill Park on Stonybrook Drive, along with the concession stands and restrooms. Sussex Lane, as well as Acorn Hill Park, are wonderful locations to view the parade. Bring your family, friends and flags, and show your hometown pride.

Whether you prefer to be a participant in the parade, on the sidelines cheering on others, or assisting with making it a success, you can be a part of this patriotic event! Sign up your group or organization to be included. For more information or to download an application, go to www.cityof-bowie.org, or contact Special Events Coordinator Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Celebrate Bowiefest 2010

Gather your friends and neighbors and join us on Saturday, **June 5, 2010** from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Allen Pond Park for Bowiefest 2010. Come out and celebrate Bowie and at the same time learn all that Bowie has to offer. There is something for everyone, from pony and train rides for the kids to arts and crafts for the adults. Visit the many nonprofit groups to see what they have to offer and don't forget to stop by the Business Expo in the Ice Arena. Take a break and enjoy a variety of entertainment featuring many talents from right here in Bowie.

Entertainment will once again be held on the Amphitheater stage and on a second stage near the Boathouse. A wide variety of food and drink will be available for visitors to enjoy.

The Business Expo, sponsored by the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce, will be held in the Bowie Ice Arena and will showcase many local and regional companies. Special offers and drawings will occur, so be sure to stop in. For more information about the Business Expo, please contact the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce at 301-262-0920.

The Arts and Crafts areas, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton, will feature vendors displaying and selling their handicrafts. For more information or to become an Arts and Crafts vendor, please contact Soroptimist International at 301-262-0953.

For more information about Bowiefest, please contact Matt Corley at mcorley@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3078. (Rain date: June 6, 2010)

Bowie Reads at Bowiefest

The Bowie Education Committee continues to collect new or "gently used" books for children, to distribute for free at their reading promotion booth, *Bowie Reads*, at Bowiefest on June 5, 2010 at Allen Pond Park.

Books may be dropped off at Bowie City Hall to the Department of Community Services, room #203, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. Books may be left at the front reception desk Monday through Thursday evenings, after 5 p.m., or between 8:30 a.m. and noon on Saturdays. For more information, please contact the Education Committee via lstern@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3068. Thank you for your donation!



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 (select Government, Committees, then Education Committee), or at City Hall. For more information, contact Leni Stern at 301-809-3068 or lstern@cityofbowie.org.

James Kerns, Instrumental Music Teacher at Yorktown, Kenilworth and Rockledge Elementary Schools is the December 2009 Teacher of the Month.

Mr. James Kerns was nominated by teacher Mary Jo Domen and parent Carol Cooke of Yorktown Elementary School. They explained that he captivates and mentors students, is an integral part of the staff, is always smiling and is supportive of teachers and staff in all three schools. He is "upbeat, lively, engaging, calming, professional" and patient.

Mr. Kerns is "always willing to go the extra mile." If a musical instrument is available, he makes sure to get the word out so that a student who is interested may use it. If a younger student expresses interest in music, he encourages that interest, inviting him to be a student conductor, or take another music related role.

He is well respected and "highly prized" by his students.

Mr. Kerns also "makes beautiful music," performing in bands and at school assemblies.

Cheryl Hughes, Principal at Yorktown Elementary School indicates that this teacher has a remarkable ability to discover and cultivate talent in every student. He instills the love of music while demonstrating and modeling the intrinsic skills necessary to become successful at one's craft. "He is truly an asset to our team."

Pedro Gonzalez of Samuel Ogle Middle School is the January 2010 Teacher of the Month.

"Positively motivates the students to learn a foreign language," is the first sentence in the nomination for Spanish teacher Pedro Gonzalez. It continues with, "Effectively implements the curriculum in a manner that is appealing and fun for his students." Parent, Michaele Angulo, nominated

Mr. Gonzalez, further stating that he supports his students not only in the classroom, but is involved and interested in their achievements in other activities as well, attending sporting events and competitions and cheering them on.

A second nomination was sent in for Mr. Gonzalez, by a student, Elizabeth Voigt. She describes this teacher as making learning "fun, because he does a lot of interesting activities," such as acting out plays in Spanish. She says this also helped students to "remember the vocabulary."

Samuel Ogle Middle School Principal, Kathleen Brady, feels that Mr. Gonzalez is an excellent choice for Teacher of the Month because he is a "dedicated professional who motivates his students to achieve at the highest levels possible. Students benefit from his experience and enthusiasm."

Resources for Residents Who Must Give Up a Pet

Some residents who are still feeling the effects of the economic downturn may be faced with the sad decision of having to give up a beloved pet. What these residents should know is there are other options available besides surrendering their pet to the local animal shelter. There are many ways you can try to find a new home for your pet. If time and finances permit, you can place an ad in the local paper with the heading "Free To Good Home" (always check potential adopters before relinquishing the animal) or ask friends, family or co-workers if they would be interested in giving your pet a new home. If those options fail to provide results, a rescue group may be the answer. The City of Bowie Animal Control Division would like to pass on the names and phone numbers of some rescue groups and organizations that take in owner-surrenders, strays and occasionally feral animals. By making a few phone calls, one can give their pet a second chance at a happy and healthy life.

Cat Resources

Grateful Paws - 410-643-3388

Heaven's Gift Animal Rescue - 301-829-5598, www.heavensgiftanimalrescue.org

Last Chance Cat Rescue - 301-848-1956, 301-274-9409, www.lastchanceanimalrescue.org

Patuxent Animal Welfare Society - 410-326-1616

Rude Ranch Cat Rescue - 410-798-9559, www.ruderanch.org

Dog Resources

Roxie's Fund - 301-962-7509, www.roxiesfund.org

Tails of Hope - 410-549-4760, www.tails-of-hope.org

For a list of breed-specific rescue groups, please contact the Animal Control Office at 301-809-3002.

Please note: Once a member of the Bowie Animal Control staff comes into possession of a lost or stray pet, we are legally responsible to release the pet only to the owner, a responsible adult authorized by the owner to receive the pet, or to the Prince George's County Animal Management Group. An animal may not be released back to the "finder" or "caller" based upon their word they will "hold the pet for a short time" or "find the pet a new home". For more information, please contact the Animal Control Office at 301-809-3002.

Please have your pets vaccinated, licensed, microchipped, and spayed or neutered.

City Beautification Awards

The City, in cooperation with Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton, is now accepting nominations for the **15th Annual Beautification Awards**. Nominations can be made by anyone for a home or townhouse, business, school, or specialty garden that reflects the beauty that Bowie is famous for. You can nominate your home or business or nominate anyone else that you think has gone the extra mile to make an area of Bowie stand out. All nominations must be for locations within the corporate limits of Bowie.

For more information or to obtain a nomination form, visit the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org, or contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

3rd Annual Business Recognition Program

The City of Bowie, in partnership with the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce, is sponsoring the 3rd Annual Business Recognition program. Nominations are sought in the following categories:

Small Business of the Year – This award is for a small business that has demonstrated the qualities that make for a prosperous and growing organization in Bowie. (2009 Honoree - Curves)

Entrepreneur of the Year – This award is for the Bowie business entrepreneur who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and tenacity in managing all facets of business to include growth in profit and employee numbers coupled with such factors as degree of innovation, development of a creative and ingenious product or service, exceptional selling techniques, and extent of expansion into local markets. (2009 Honoree - Auto Tech Car Care)

Business of the Year – This award is for a Bowie company that has demonstrated high-level accomplishments that are a benchmark for other businesses that include financial success, visible community involvement, professional employee work environment, and will excel in customer satisfaction, strategic planning, and business development. (2009 Honoree - Wing Zone)

Community Service Award – This award is for the Bowie or vicinity business that has demonstrated a strong record of involvement in the Bowie community. (2009 Honoree: Bowie Target)

Members of the community are encouraged to submit the name of a local business, along with a one page narrative describing why the business is being nominated. Nominations may be submitted in a letter or on a form obtained from one of the contacts below. Nominations must be received no later than **Friday, April 2, 2010**, and should be sent to City of Bowie, Department of Economic Development, 2614 Kenhill Drive, Bowie, MD 20715. Inquiries may be directed to the Economic Development Director, John Henry King, at jhking@cityofbowie.org or to the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Kelly Pierce, at Kelly@bowiechamber.org. Businesses selected will be honored at a luncheon on Friday, May 14, 2010. Tickets for the event will be available from the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce.

Picnic Reservation Changes

Residents, no more waiting in line ...

The City has implemented new picnic reservation procedures (effective February 8, 2010) whereby residents will no longer have to rise early and wait in line at City Hall in February to place a picnic reservation for the upcoming year. The changes that have been made allow residents to place a picnic reservation up to one year in advance of the picnic date. Nonresident picnic reservations will be accepted up to six months in advance of the picnic date.

This change in procedure will 1) extend the preferential time period for residents, 2) allow residents to plan their event further in advance, and 3) insure shorter (if not eliminate) wait-time for residents when placing a picnic reservation.

For additional information, please contact the Recreation Office at 301-809-3011.

Hydrant Flushing Begins in April

The Bowie Public Works Department will begin the annual fire hydrant flushing and testing program in areas served by City water. Hydrant flushing will occur during daylight hours from approximately 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., according to the following schedule:

April 12 and 13	Buckingham, Derbyshire and Forest Drive
April 14 and 15	Somerset and Bowie Forest
April 16 and 19	Tulip Grove
April 20	Foxhill and Long Ridge
April 21 - 23	Kenilworth
April 26	Heather Hills
April 27 - 30	Meadowbrook
May 3	Gradys Walk and Glenridge
May 4	Chapel Forge
May 5	Victoria Heights and Race Track Road Townhouses
May 6	Idlewild
May 7	Yorktown and Overbrook
May 10	Whitehall
May 11	Rockledge

Because some discoloration of your water may occur, clothes washing is discouraged on your scheduled day. If your clothes become discolored, keep them wet and rewash them using a rust remover. Free rust remover will be available at City Hall and the Public Works offices.

The water is safe for drinking and bathing, even though it may be discolored. The discoloration is a result of rust and sediment buildup in the water lines and is not harmful. The discoloration should clear in approximately 24 hours. However, since all the water mains are interconnected, when flushing of hydrants in adjacent sections is performed, it may affect your water.

For more information, please call the Public Works Department at 301-809-2336.



Bowie Ice Arena

301-809-3090

Group Lessons A four-week series of lessons will be held during the month of April. Classes will be offered for children ages 18 months of age through adults. Please call the Ice Arena for additional information or see the City's website at www.cityof-bowie.org (select Leisure Activities).

Summer Camps Registration for summer skating camp begins March 15. Camps will be held during the months of July and August. Half-day camps will be offered for children ages 3 - 6, and full-day camps will be offered for children ages 6 - 13. Specialty camps will also be offered for hockey and figure skating. For a detailed listing of camp offerings, please call the Arena at 301-809-3090 or visit us online at www.cityofbowie.org.

Public Skating Schedule

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

Schedule is subject to change, so please call 301-809-3090 to confirm.

*Family Session - Admission for up to five (5) family members is \$12 plus skate rental.

*DJ Session - Every Friday night is a Disc Jockey Session. The fee is \$8 and includes admission, skate rental and disc jockey.

Admission Rates:

Adult	\$5.00
Child (under 16)	\$4.50
Skate Rental	\$2.75

2 For 1 Admission

Bowie Ice Arena

Skate Rental is \$2.75. Not Valid during DJ Session. Not valid with any other discount or offer.

Expires 4/30/10

Bowie Youth & Family Services

301-809-3033

Counseling Services are offered 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 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, and the impact of separation/divorce. Families are encouraged to call to initiate services. We have highly qualified and experienced Master's level counselors that will work with you in developing appropriate solutions.

Groups - Groups are offered at various times throughout the year. There is a small fee of \$50 for groups where there are separate parent and child sections, and \$40 for groups where only one section is required. Call for information on any of the following:

My Family and Me Separation/Divorce Group – Two groups, one for the parent and the other for the children ages 6½-11. Exploring stressful life events using games, crafts, discussion for the kids and helping parents learn about listening and problem-solving techniques.

Girls Count! – For high school teen girls. Every girl struggles with complex issues in today's world. Teens discuss topics that matter to them and gain tools to cope and support each other.

Active Parenting - Parents focus on learning practical skills to help develop cooperation and responsibility in their child.

ADHD Education – Two groups run simultaneously. Adults learn about ADHD/ADD and new ways to help their child. Children, ages 8-10, focus on improving social skills.

Social Skills – Children, ages 8-11, benefit from extra practice with their social skills including making friends, initiating or joining conversations and appropriate social body language (eye contact, etc.).

Happy Moms, Healthy Babies – Teen mothers (ages 17-22) and their babies (up to 18 months old) meet weekly to discuss the joys and the difficulties of motherhood. Join other women in similar situations to share knowledge and provide support.

Teen Job Bank

Bowie teens, want some extra spending money? Go online 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.

Parents of Teens

Have you recently heard yourself asking, "Who is this kid?" "Why does he/she do that?" or "What can I do?"

Do any of these descriptive words sound familiar or fit your teen: impulsive, rebellious, style-obsessed, irritable, incommunicative, friend-centered, risk-taker, sleep-deprived.

A normal teen will exhibit many of these behaviors. If you would like to find out the science behind your teen's personalities, we'd love to help you by providing links, printed information, and more to help you better navigate this adventurous time in parenthood.

The Bowie Prevention Network is a coalition of caring and concerned individuals and agencies that work together on behalf of youth of all ages and their families. We seek to build a healthier community through prevention, education and interaction.

For more information, contact Prevention Coordinator Andra Berry at aberry@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3080.

The Malcolm "Skip" Popp Award

The City's Community Outreach Committee is accepting nominations for the Malcolm "Skip" Popp Award. Scouts and/or Scout Leaders who have performed distinguished service (above and beyond what is expected of a Scout or Scout leader in the position or positions they held) to Scouting and the Bowie community are recognized by this City of Bowie award. This year nominations should focus on service during calendar year 2009.

During the time this service was provided, eligible Scouts or Scout Leaders **must** have:

- been affiliated with a Scouting group within the limits of the City of Bowie, and/or a Scouting group for which 50% or more of their youth members are Bowie residents.
- performed extraordinary and distinguished service within the Scouting unit as well as within the Bowie community.
- performed this service in the calendar year prior to the nomination deadline (calendar year 2009).

Nominees must have been registered with Boy Scouts of America or Girl Scouts of the USA, during the time of this service. Nominations must be submitted by the Scouting unit or individuals within that unit. Nominees must have rendered "extraordinary and distinguished community service." Please see nomination form for details. This year's deadline is **Friday, April 23, 2010**.

Applications are available on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org or at City Hall. For more information, please contact Committee Liaison Leni Stern at 301-809-3068 or lstern@cityofbowie.org.

Bowie Playhouse Presents



ON GOLDEN POND -- 3/5 - 3/20

The Thayer family has summered on Golden Pond in New England for years. Now in their senior years they return for yet another summer. This time their daughter joins them with her new boyfriend and then leaves the boyfriend's 13-year-old son in the Thayer's care while they travel to Europe. The boy brings new life into the wry old gentleman and the dry humor brings many a smile. Directed by Charles W. Maloney. Presented by 2nd Star Productions, www.2ndstarproductions.com, 410-757-5700 or 301-832-4819.

THE GLASS MENAGERIE -- 4/9 - 4/24

Tennessee Williams' drama of great tenderness, charm and beauty is one of the most famous plays of the modern theater. Amanda Wingfield, a remnant of southern gentility, lives in poverty in a St. Louis apartment with her son, who escapes his situation with alcohol, and a daughter, who lives in a world of her tiny glass figurines. Perhaps a mysterious gentleman caller can help the daughter escape her fragile world. Presented by Bowie Community Theatre, www.bctheatre.com, 301-805-0219.



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.

News of the City Museums



Mark Your Calendar

“Prince George’s County Cemetery Survey” Second Tuesday Lecture

Tuesday, March 9, 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Presented by Jennifer Stabler. No reservations required. Free.

“According to the Ladies” Girl Scout Program

Saturday, March 13, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Special women’s history tour exploring the lives of the women of Belair over 250 years. This program is open to non-Scouts, as well. Reservations required. \$5 per child, adults free.

“Puttin’ on the Dog - Dressing for the 18th Century Day” Brown Bag Lunch Lecture

Monday, March 15, 12 - 1 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Bring your lunch, coffee and tea provided. Free.

Kids Kaboose

Thursday, March 18 and April 15, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Bowie Railroad Museum. Games, stories and trainspotting at the Railroad Museum for ages 1 - 10. Free.

“Changes of the Seasons in Native American Culture” Second Tuesday Lecture

Tuesday, April 13, 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Presented by Natalie Proctor. No reservations required. Free.

Teddy Bear Tea

Saturday, April 17, 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Small and tall tea drinkers, ages 4-104, are invited to bring their favorite furry friend to tea to celebrate our best-loved bear – Teddy. \$18 per person. Reservations and advance payment required.

Brown Bag Lunch Lecture

Monday, April 19, 12 - 1 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Topic to be announced. Bring your lunch, coffee and tea provided. Free.

For information on these, or any museum program, please call 301-809-3089 or email museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

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 the above 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.), 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 of age and older.



Health Awareness Program

Caring for Someone Who is Ill

**Monday, March 8
12:30 p.m.**

Presented by Dorotea Gonzales, R.N., from Capital Hospices. Ms. Gonzales will discuss the importance of support for the ill loved one, and their needs for understanding, communication and practical help.

Controlling Diabetes

**Thursday, March 18
10:30 a.m.**

Presented by Karl Finley, Medical Director, Joslin Diabetes Center at Doctors Community Hospital.

Cardiac Rehabilitation

**Thursday, April 15
10:30 a.m.**

Presented by a representative from Doctors Community Hospital.

Magic Class

**Wednesday, March 17
11:30 a.m.**

Calling all grandparents! The "Amazing Herb" Briscoe, Jim Murray, and Dave Thomas will teach a six-week workshop with results that are sure to dazzle the grandchildren! Workshop sessions will be held March 3 - April 7. Classes will meet each Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please register at the Senior Center. The cost is \$5 for residents and \$6 for nonresidents, plus a \$20 lab fee.

AARP Tax Preparation

Tax preparation volunteers will be at the Center each Wednesday through 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.

AARP Driver Safety Program

**Wednesday, March 31
Thursday, April 1**

The AARP Driver Safety Program is a classroom driver refresher course designed for motorists age 50 and older. Upon completion of the one-day course, students receive a certificate. Some insurance companies honor completion with a rate reduction. The fee for AARP members is \$12; for non-AARP members the fee is \$14. Make checks payable to AARP. Register at the Senior Center.

Bowie Senior Center
14900 Health Center Drive
301-809-2300
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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Upcoming Events

American Red Cross

Blood Drive

*Tuesday, March 23, 2010
2 - 8 p.m., Bowie City Gym*

Arbor Day Celebration

*Saturday, April 10, 2010
10 a.m. at Acorn Hill Park*

Teddy Bear Tea

*Saturday, April 17, 2010
4 p.m. at Belair Mansion*

2010 Bike to Work Day

Friday, May 21, 2010

Two Bowie Pit Stops:

Bowie Town Center Food Court & Old Town Bowie Fire Station, 9th Street

Gear up for Bike to Work Day 2010! It is a free event full of fun, food and prizes. Join thousands of area commuters and show your support for bicycling, by taking part in a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work.

For more information, contact Frank Stevens in the City's Planning Department at 301-809-3053 or fstevens@cityofbowie.org.



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