

Bowie Spotlight

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Bowie Police Department Implements the Safe Speed Program

The Bowie Police Department implemented the Safe Speed Program on Northview Drive in the vicinity of Northview Elementary School on April 19, 2010. As previously reported, the City Council approved an Ordinance allowing the use of Speed Cameras in school zones. The City Ordinance follows the State's approval of Maryland Annotated Code Article 21-809, which expanded the use of speed cameras in work zones and school zones statewide.

The overriding goal of the Safe Speed Program is to effect a change in the behavior of drivers and reduce speed in school zones throughout the City. Studies conducted in Montgomery County have shown a speed reduction of 22% in areas where speed cameras are used. Additionally, the studies showed a 50% reduction in fatal accidents in those same areas.

The Safe Speed Program implements the use of a speed camera program exclusively in marked school zones during the hours of 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. Safe Speed Program areas will be clearly delineated by signage. The cameras will be triggered for cars going 12 mph over the posted speed limit and the citation will be issued to the owner of the vehicle. The citation carries a fine of \$40 and does not carry points or effect the vehicle owner's driving record. For the first 30 days of the program, only warning citations will be issued. Beginning May 19th, civil citations will be issued.

For more information about the Program, visit the City's website at [www.cityof bowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) or call the Bowie Police Department at 301-575-2480.

Memorial Day Parade on May 29th

Come enjoy the City's Parade on May 29th. Join your family, friends and neighbors as we pay tribute to America's heroes! This year, the parade will feature the United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, the Prince George's County Police Bagpipes Marching Band, the Dragon Dance and Lion Dance teams from the New World Bilingual Institute, the Bowie High School Marching Band and many other local organizations.

The Parade will begin at **11 a.m.** at the Bowie High School Annex (3021 Belair Drive). Participants will march along Belair Drive to Sussex Lane, to Stonybrook Drive to Sage Lane. The reviewing stand, along with concession stands and restrooms, will be located in Acorn Hill Park on Stonybrook Drive. Belair Drive, Sussex Lane and Acorn Hill Park are wonderful locations to view the Parade. So bring your family and friends and show your hometown pride! There is still time to sign up your group or organization to participate in the Parade. For more information or to download an application, go to www.cityofbowie.org or call 301-809-3078.

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BGE Tree Voucher Reimbursement Deadline Is

May 31, 2010

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For those customers that have been notified by BGE that they were eligible for the program, BGE will provide reimbursement of up to \$100 per tree, for the replacement of any tree greater than 8 inches in diameter (measured at 4 1/2 feet above ground level) that is removed by BGE from maintained areas of your property (lawn areas) as part of the **Bowie Electric Reliability Action Plan**.

In order for a replacement tree to qualify for reimbursement, it must be included in one of the following two categories of the BGE Tree Planting List: Green list (trees that grow less than 25 feet tall) or from Hedges and Screens list (plants that are 6 to 15 feet tall). The list can be accessed by visiting www.bge.com, and clicking "Tree Care" on the home page. Trees must be purchased from a **licensed** nursery or landscape provider.

You must obtain a detailed receipt that notes the type of tree purchased and the purchase price for each tree. **Return the receipt to:** Chad Devine, BGE, PO Box 1475, Dept. 36, 301 Front Street., Baltimore, MD 21203-1475.

Only one request for reimbursement will be considered. Once a request for reimbursement has been submitted, additional receipts that are submitted at a later date will not be considered. Accordingly, if you make multiple purchases at different times, please submit all receipts in a **single request** for reimbursement by **May 31, 2010**.

It is important to note that each of the above conditions must be fulfilled to receive reimbursement. Reimbursement from BGE will typically take from six to eight weeks from when the receipt was submitted.

If you have any questions, please contact Chad Devine at 410-470-6664 or Chad.S.Devine@bge.com.

Maryland Offers \$25 Coupon When You Plant A Tree

The State of Maryland is challenging Marylanders to plant one million trees by 2011. To encourage this effort, the State is offering discount coupons worth \$25 toward the purchase of a tree. Information and the coupon may be downloaded from www.trees.maryland.gov. There are restrictions about the types of trees and where they can be purchased. Check the website for all the details.

Grants Workshops

The Arts, Community Outreach and Education Committees will jointly offer a Grants Workshop during the month of **June**. The workshop will include general information and helpful hints to assist you in applying for grants, followed by breakout sessions that will get into the specifics about each of the three grants offered by the City. Here's some information about each of the grants.

Arts Grants The Arts Committee has established annual grants for the Arts to support public awareness of artistic enterprises, creative excellence, artistic diversity and an overall involvement of the arts in our community. The grants program may award individuals or groups. Although the program is intended to encourage groups or individuals to develop projects that involve Bowie residents in the arts, applicants need not be Bowie residents. Programs funded include hands-on arts experiences, workshops, public performances, and group art opportunities. For more information on Arts Grants, contact Annette Esterheld, Arts Specialist, at 301-575-5601 or aesterheld@cityofbowie.org.

Community Outreach Grants The Community Outreach Committee will offer grants to assist in meeting needs of City residents. Individuals, nonprofits and others may apply to receive funding for projects that fit with this purpose. Grant information will be available at the end of May, once the City Budget is finalized. Please watch for more information on the City website, www.cityofbowie.org. For additional information, contact Leni Stern, Outreach Specialist, at 301-809-3068 or lstern@cityofbowie.org.

Education Grants The City is very supportive of education and one of the ways this is shown is in the funding provided for Grants for Education. Teachers, PTAs, PTOs, or individuals may submit applications for projects developed to enhance the learning experiences of students or to provide educational enrichment within eligible schools. The grant applications will be available at the end of May. The deadline for applications will be in October. For more information, please contact Leni Stern, Education Committee Liaison at lstern@cityof-bowie.org or 301-809-3068.

Watch for more information on the City website, www.cityofbowie.org, and in local papers about deadlines for the grants and the time and date of the June Grants Workshop.

Bowie Youth Chorus

Performance

May 16, 2010

If you're at City Hall late on Thursday afternoons, you've heard the singing of the exciting new performing group, the Bowie Youth Chorus, that the City of Bowie sponsors. You've also seen the young people stacking their choir chairs along the walls of the Multipurpose Room to clear the floor so they can learn choreography to songs they sing like "Little Shop of Horrors" and "There's No Business Like Show Business."

The Chorus is directed by Eleanor Minor, the popular Bowie High School vocal music director and producer of numerous musical theatre shows in her 18 years at the school. The 45 young people are in grades five through nine. Many attend local Bowie schools, while others are home-schooled.

The young people will take their show on the road later this spring with performances in the community including their own show at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts on **May 16, 2010**, and performing at Bowiefest on **June 5, 2010**.

For ticket information for the May 16 performance, contact Annette Esterheld, City Arts Specialist, at 301-575-5601 or aesterheld@cityofbowie.org.



City Hall Art Gallery

Featured

Artists of the Month

for May...

Paintings by

Margaret Gregory

for June...

Artwork by

Rebecca Hoffman

Young Person's Art Gallery



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

May

Pointer Ridge
Elementary School

June

Samuel Ogle
Middle School

Art Notes

"Think Green. Think Recycle." is the theme for the **2010 Poster Contest**. The Arts Committee is once again teaming up with City staff to have students design a Poster. Poster size should be 12" x 18". Students are encouraged to think of ways to recycle and then to visually represent their "green thinking." We also suggest that students limit their poster focus to only one or two ways to recycle. For information on what the City collects, please see information posted on the City's webpage, www.cityof-bowie.org/Government/PublicWorks/refuse_and_recycling.asp.

The Poster Contest is open to students in grades one through twelve. Age divisions are youth ages 6-12 and teen ages 13-18. First (\$50) and second place (\$25) and honorable mention prizes will be awarded in each division during a reception at City Hall in August. Winning posters will be on display in the Young Person's Art Gallery during the month of July. All contest entries may be picked up at City Hall in September. Posters must be submitted to City Hall by Friday, **May 21, 2010**.

"How I Spent My Summer Vacation" is the theme for the **2010 Photography Contest**, sponsored by the Bowie Arts Committee. Only black and white or color photos sizes 8" x 10" can be submitted. All photos should be printed on photo paper. Photos should not be digitally altered or enhanced. Photos will be judged on quality (composition, exposure, focus and lighting) and creativity. Age divisions are youth ages 6-12 and teen ages 13-18. Each photo must have the artist's name, age, address and phone number on the back. First (\$50) and second place (\$25) and honorable mention prizes will be awarded in each division during a reception at City Hall in August. Winning photos will be displayed in the Young Person's Art Gallery during the month of August. All contest entries may be picked up at City Hall in September. Photos must be submitted to City Hall by **Friday, July 16, 2010**.

For more information about these items, contact Contest Chairperson Margaret Suddeth at 301-262-9426, or Arts Specialist Annette Esterheld at 301-575-5601 or aesterheld@cityofbowie.org.

Student Recognition Reception

This winter, the Bowie Education Committee honored 38 students from eleven middle and high schools for their accomplishments in a variety of areas, at its Student Recognition Reception held at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. Schools attended by Bowie students provided information about students whose success should be recognized, in areas for which appropriate recognition is often not available. Some of the categories were leadership, unsung hero, accomplishments in the arts, civic/community service, school spirit, role model, environmentally friendly, success in spite of..., most improved academically and most improved.

Students were given their moment to shine as they were presented with certificates and citations. These students were honored and received congratulations from City, County and State elected officials.

Students and their families were invited to enjoy a reception prior to the awards program in the Recital Hall. Program partner Main Street Catering treated students, their families and other guests, to a variety of wonderful hors d'oeuvres to help make this celebration very special for the honorees!

A HUGE thank you to Main Street Catering for their generous donation of delicious food for the reception!

Congratulations and best wishes to the students (identified to the right) who were honored at this event!

Students Recognized for Accomplishments

Congratulations to the following outstanding students:

Angeleaza Anderson	Archbishop Spalding High School
Kyle Baker	Archbishop Spalding High School
Samantha Mowry	Archbishop Spalding High School
Heather Brow	Benjamin Tasker Middle School
Kenyatta Massey	Benjamin Tasker Middle School
Adrian Stewart	Benjamin Tasker Middle School
Sarahfina Theodore	Benjamin Tasker Middle School
Tatiana Umana	Benjamin Tasker Middle School
John Corley	Bishop McNamara High School
Marlon Crook	Bishop McNamara High School
Allison Morris	Bishop McNamara High School
Chelsea Allessandro	Bowie High School
Kylie Craig	Bowie High School
Alyssa Fischer	Bowie High School
Jessica Flake	Bowie High School
Shelby Irons	Bowie High School
Kristen Nalley	Bowie High School
Chibuike Okafor	Bowie High School
Page Schumacher	Bowie High School
Raya Ward	Bowie High School
Jessenia Barron	Chelsea School
Curtis Fawcett	Chelsea School
Cory Frontin	DeMatha Catholic High School
Logan Seith	DeMatha Catholic High School
Cynthia Hernandez	Elizabeth Seton High School
Jasmine McGill	Elizabeth Seton High School
Sarah Nash	Elizabeth Seton High School
P.J. Dominiski	Queen Anne School
Alexis McNeil	Queen Anne School
Ruth Ayers	Samuel Ogle Middle School
Alexander Cook	Samuel Ogle Middle School
Rebecca Hastings	Samuel Ogle Middle School
Briana McClain	Samuel Ogle Middle School
Christian Reyes	Samuel Ogle Middle School
Daniel Rice	Samuel Ogle Middle School
Brandyn Phillips	St. Vincent Pallotti High School
Kathleen Villemi	St. Vincent Pallotti High School
Dwante Horton	Tall Oaks Technical Academy

For more information about this event, please contact the Education Committee at 301-809-3068 or

lstern@cityofbowie.org.



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.

Sarah Earwicker of Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center is the February Teacher

of the Month. Her nomination describes how as a high school student this teacher volunteered at the school for three years. She worked with children who were severely and profoundly handicapped. She continued to work with the school as a substitute teacher during college breaks.

For the eight years that she has been teaching, Ms. Earwicker has taught children with autism, children who are severely, profoundly handicapped, children with speech delays, children with behavioral issues and children with mental retardation. She turns her children into interested, enthusiastic hard workers. She takes students who others found difficult to teach and finds ways to individualize their education so that they will be the best they can possibly be.

Elyse Hurley, Principal at

Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center, refers to Ms. Earwicker as a "very talented special educator." She "transformed" the way the staff viewed some of the children by making them "an integral part of the activities of the school. She has a positive impact on all of the children she has worked with, due to her knack of finding the right strategies to make them successful in all areas of development."

Lynn Marano of Kenilworth Elementary School is the March Teacher of the Month.

Ms. Marano teaches second grade reading and language arts. She is a creative teacher who provides a stimulating program for her students.

Her nomination, sent in by her school's Teacher Award Committee, describes the "Literary Circle" assignments that her students work on at school and home. Students meet together in groups to share their work on each genre they study. They work togeth-

er on new words they encounter in their stories, and all of the new words are displayed for everyone in the classroom.

In addition, she enlists fifth grade students to assist the small groups in their discussions. Interesting activities, such as making "Freckle Juice," after reading the Judy Blume story by that name, or creating a craft depicting the characters or settings of a story, help to "reinforce and expand student skills," while enjoying and learning from the stories.

According to Mr. Mills, Principal at Kenilworth Elementary School, Ms. Marano "routinely goes above and beyond the curriculum to challenge her students and create engaging and enriching lessons." As a master teacher, "she has mentored several interns who have successfully entered the teaching field."

Joanne Stewart of Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center is the 2010 Paraprofessional Honoree.

Ms. Stewart works with several different programs at the school. Her nomination provided several narratives from Chapel Forge staff about her work with children at the school, including assisting with children working to attain gross motor skills, creating developmentally appropriate thematic lesson plans, and continually thinking of and developing adaptations to help students to be successful.

Ms. Stewart coordinates transportation for more than 200 students. Staff members refer to her as the "Bus Queen," as she coordinates everyone to ensure the safe arrival and dismissal of students. This is a difficult task as the school has groups of children arriving at various times during the day!

Her remarkable qualities include energy, organization, a wonderful memory, and knowledge of the City. She is called the Bowie expert as she seems to know everyone in and everything about Bowie. In addition to the various contributions to the school mentioned above, Ms. Stewart also assists with afterschool programs, assuring that necessary equipment is available, and securing volunteers to work with programs. Ms. Stewart touches the lives of every student and family at the school!

School principal, Ms. Elyse Hurley, says that with all she does, Ms. Stewart certainly goes above and beyond her role as paraprofessional educator. She stays late and comes in early to ensure that the bus routes are correct and updated, having even completed a route to be sure that children get home safely!

25th Excellence in Education Reception

For 25 years, the City has annually held a reception recognizing Excellence in Education. Schools select their outstanding teachers to be honored at this very special event.

This year, the program was held at the Comfort Inn and Conference Center on May 5th. Honorees and their spouses (or other special guest), principals, elected officials, and school system representatives were treated to dinner. The awards program followed with Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown addressing the audience with remarks about the special role of teachers in educating students. This was followed by the honorees being presented with a variety of certificates, proclamations and other documents recognizing the special efforts of these teachers.

This year, the following teachers were honored for "Excellence in Education":

Dwight Jefferson	Benjamin Tasker Middle School
Sheikisa Jankins	Bowie High School
Kathleen Jingwi	Bowie High School
Shannon St. John	C. Elizabeth Rieg Regional School
Niki Kohn	Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center
Heather Kampman	Heather Hills Elementary School
Marimille Habana	High Bridge Elementary School
Amy Evans	Kenilworth Elementary School
Mary Hendley	Northview Elementary School
Marianne Markey	Pointer Ridge Elementary School
Amy Vereb	Rockledge Elementary School
Virginia Vastag	St. Pius X Regional School
Glenise Marshall	Samuel Ogle Middle School
Shaunte Matthews Jones	Tall Oaks Technical Academy
Kelli Kress	Tulip Grove Elementary School
Andrew Karnes	Whitehall Elementary School
Jolie Trudick	Yorktown Elementary School

For more information about this event, please contact the Education Committee at 301-809-3068 or lstern@cityofbowie.org.

Middle Collington Branch

Every home in Bowie is connected to the City's streams, the Patuxent River and the Chesapeake Bay through the network of storm drains in roads and parking lots throughout the City. Rainwater that can't infiltrate the ground is known as stormwater runoff, and contrary to what many people think, it does not go to the wastewater treatment plant – it goes straight into streams and drainage channels, sometimes treated on site but often not. This means that what you do in your yard, driveway, or parking lot really does make a difference!

Untreated stormwater is currently the biggest threat to water quality in Bowie, the Bay and across the country. But the City is not just sitting idly by while our natural resources become degraded. We have a number of programs underway – tree plantings, stream cleanups, backyard habitats, rain barrels, turf reduction, tree mitigation, and recycling, to name a few. These programs are all focused on protecting streams, natural resources and habitat, and reducing pollution.

As part of our Environmental Infrastructure Action Strategy Plan (EI Plan), the City identified a number of watershed protection, restoration and education programs. The City has twelve subwatersheds, a term for one of the smallest drainage areas in the City. We are systematically working our way through them to implement a variety of projects including education/outreach, restoration projects, watershed studies, and stream cleanups. We are kicking off our watershed program in the Middle Collington Branch, which is in the southern part of the City.

Middle Collington is part of the Western Branch of the Patuxent River and covers an area of about 3.5 square miles. It includes most of the Pointer Ridge, Devonshire and Northview neighborhoods, and Allen Pond Park. The mainstem of the Middle Collington is generally intact with areas of extensive wetlands. There are about 500 storm drain inlets that carry stormwater out of neighborhoods and into the mainstem and its tributaries. Due to the age of the development in some of the neighborhoods, much of the stormwater is untreated, and our first goal is to conduct a storm drain marker project to make the connection between storm drains and our streams. We will also be working to increase backyard habitats and rain barrel usage throughout the subwatershed, which help maintain natural areas and reduce stormwater runoff.

The City can't do it alone! We obviously need your help to restore the City's streams. Some of the potential projects and activities outlined in the EI Plan include: 1) rain gardens on properties adjacent to streams; 2) tree plantings next to streams; 3) picking up trash in streams on cleanup days; and 4) rain barrels under downspouts on houses.

You will hear more about the City's environmental initiatives for the Middle Collington in future issues of the *Bowie Spotlight* and on our website, www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie. Please do not hesitate to call us, especially if you have additional ideas of things we can do to protect Bowie's environment!

For more information or to express your ideas, please contact the City's Watershed Manager, Tiffany Wright, at 301-809-3043 or twright@cityofbowie.org.



Bowie Reads at Bowiefest

New and “gently used” children’s books are needed by the Education Committee to distribute at their reading promotion booth *Bowie Reads* at Bowiefest on June 5th at Allen Pond Park. If you are cleaning your bookshelves and have books that you would like to share with other children, please consider donating them to be given out free to local children. We will collect books through the month of May!

Stop by, say “hi”, and find something “new” to read under the purple tent at Bowiefest where the Education Committee will distribute free children’s books. The Committee will also provide information about reading to children, helping children learn to read, and local reading programs.

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

Support the Bowie Food Pantry

The Community Outreach Committee (COC) supports the Food Pantry in many ways. The number of people in need of assistance continues to grow and the Committee encourages everyone to help.

Pantry donations will be accepted at the **Memorial Day Parade** on May 29th. Collection buckets will be located near the judges stand! And stop by the COC booth at **Bowiefest** on June 5th at Allen Pond Park and make a donation. Pantry donations will also 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.

Beautification Awards Program

The City, in cooperation with Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton, announces the 15th Anniversary of the Beautification Awards Program. Nominations are being sought in the following categories:

- Distinguished residential whole yard landscaping/gardening (house/townhouse)
- Distinguished front, back, or side yard landscaping/gardening
- Distinguished specialty garden (i.e. Patio garden, Japanese, Butterfly, etc.)
- Distinguished wildlife habitat
- Distinguished business landscaping/gardening
- Distinguished school (public or private) landscaping/gardening

The judging teams reserve the right to view and score the project according to their schedule. Nominations may be submitted at any time but no later than **June 25, 2010**. The Awards Program is scheduled for early fall. All entries will be judged by nationally accredited members of the Landscape Design Critics Council of the National Capital Area Federation of Garden Clubs. Professionally designed and installed projects will be judged separately from owner-designed projects. Photographs will be taken of the yard and/or garden at the time of judging. Yards will be judged in early July on the basis of concept, beauty and overall design. Nominated properties must be located within the corporate limits of the City of Bowie. For nomination forms and further information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Celebrate Bowiefest!

Come celebrate Bowie at this year's *Bowiefest* on **Saturday, June 5, 2010** from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Bowiefest is a long-standing tradition in the City, bringing the best of Bowie's civic organizations, entertainers, and businesses to one place for one day. Around the Pond you can sample food from area vendors, including cotton candy from the Collington Masonic Lodge, fish and chips by the Bowie Elks, and beef barbecue by the Belle-Aires Twirlers. Other festival favorites include soft serve ice cream, funnel cakes, Italian sausage, frozen fruit drinks and fresh-squeezed lemonade.

Entertainment will be provided on two stages featuring Bowie's own Reptile World with Michael Shwedick, the Dance Expressions, C&C Dance Company, as well as the Proverbs Reggae Band which is sure to get you up and dancing on the Amphitheater lawn. Bowie's own 40 Dollar Fine will have you singing with their style of roots rock and country music. And do not forget to bring your dancing shoes as we listen to the Good Kemistry Band on the East Pavilion Stage.

Stop by the craft tables and purchase beautifully handcrafted wares, organized by the Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton. For more information, contact Soroptimist representative Pam Fleming at pflaming@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3029. And stop inside the Ice Arena for the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce Business Expo. For information, contact Kelly Pierce at the Chamber at 301-262-0920 or Kelly@bowiechamber.org.

For more information about Bowiefest, please go to www.cityofbowie.org, select Leisure Activities and scroll to Special Events, or contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at mcorley@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3078. (*Bowiefest rain date is Sunday, June 6, 2010.*)



2010 Saturday Concert Series

Town Green Park, 9th Street (MD Route 564)

Old Town Bowie, 2 - 4 p.m.

These free concerts will be presented "in the heart of the antique district" in Old Town Bowie. Concerts are canceled in case of inclement weather.

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| June 12 | Beach Bumz
<i>Beach Music</i> |
| June 19 | Joe Tichy
<i>Acoustic Rock</i> |
| June 26 | 5 Oaks
<i>Folk/Rock/Country</i> |
| July 10 | The Moonlighters
<i>Blues/Jazz/Swing</i> |
| July 17 | The Movers
<i>Hip Hop-Rock</i> |
| July 24 | Positive Vibration
<i>Reggae</i> |
| July 31 | Project Natale
<i>Jazz</i> |
| Aug. 7 | ILYAIMY
<i>Acoustic Rock/Folk</i> |
| Aug. 14 | Bottle of Blues
<i>Blues</i> |

For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.



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.

May 30	US Navy Country Current <i>Country</i>
June 6	US Air Force Airmen of Note <i>Jazz</i>
June 13	The Baywinds Band/Bowie Elks Flag Day Program <i>*Start time 6 p.m.</i> <i>Concert Performance</i>
June 20	Carolyn Malachi Special guest sponsored by the Prince George's Arts Council <i>*Start time 6 p.m.</i> <i>Blues</i>
June 27	The Winstons <i>Motown</i>
July 11	Electric Company <i>80's Cover</i>
July 18	Takoma Park Community Band <i>Concert Performance</i>
July 25	Cunningham Project <i>R&B</i>
Aug. 1	The Back Pages Band <i>60's Cover</i>
Aug. 8	David Bach <i>Contemporary Jazz</i>
Aug. 15	d.c. Motors <i>Classic Rock</i>
Aug. 22	Annapolis Bluegrass <i>Bluegrass</i>
Aug. 29	US Army Blues <i>Jazz</i>
Sept. 5	US Naval Academy Salute to America Concert <i>Patriotic</i>

For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.



Summer at the Bowie Playhouse

Whitemarsh Park is one of the City's popular parks, home to SportFit, many sports rehearsals and games, and the Bowie Playhouse. Most summers the Playhouse is dark for several weeks allowing time for the Technical Director and technical staff to do maintenance required to keep the state of the art facility running smoothly. This summer, with routine maintenance scheduled for the spring, the Playhouse will be alive with the sounds of opera and the story of "Les Miserables."

First, the Maryland Opera Society presents "Opera in the Woods," part of a workshop designed to give emerging professionals, ages 16-35, an opportunity to perform while studying with a professional faculty. Along with a presentation of the opera "Le Nozze di Figaro," which will be sung in Italian, the performers will stage major scenes from the works of Gilbert and Sullivan, Frank Loesser and Rodgers and Hammerstein. Performances start July 12 and run through July 17. For audition information and details on how to purchase tickets, log onto www.mdoperasociety.org.

Then on July 18 the Prince George's Little Theatre moves into the Playhouse for rehearsals of its Summer Teen Musical, a production of "Les Miserables." The music from this popular musical includes "I Dreamed a Dream," "On My Own," "Bring Him Home," "Castle on a Cloud," "Stars," "Empty Chairs at Empty Tables," and "Do You Hear the People Sing?" Performances of "Les Miserables" start Friday, July 30 and run for three weekends. For audition information and details on how to purchase tickets, log onto www.pgl.org.

National Anthem and "Voice of Bowie" Auditions

The City will hold auditions to perform at City-sponsored events on **Tuesday, June 8, 2010** in the Studio at City Hall.

Auditions for the **National Anthem** will be held **7 - 8 p.m.** Participants should come prepared to perform the National Anthem and one other piece a cappella for a judging panel.

Do you like to be in front of a crowd? Do your friends and family tell you that you should be on the radio or in show business? Auditions to be the **"Voice of Bowie"** will be held **8 - 9 p.m.** in the Studio. Announcing opportunities include events such as Bowiefest, July 4th, and the Bowie International Festival. A script will be provided for you to read in front of event organizers to see if your voice is right for the occasion!

Appointments can be made by contacting 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org. Walk-ins are welcome; however, you must sign up before 7 p.m.

Independence Day

July 4th is right around the corner. Festivities will be held at Allen Pond Park, including a variety band, concessions, and a fireworks display beginning at 9:15 p.m. Please remember to leave your furry friends at home. Pets are not permitted in Allen Pond Park after 12 p.m. on July 4th due to humane concerns. For more information, please visit the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org, or call Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078.

Do You Know Where Your Cleanout Is?

The backup of sewage through the drains in your home is an unpleasant prospect. Fortunately, there are steps you can take to protect your property.

First, an easy lesson in basic plumbing. Wastewater flows through small sewer lines on your property to the larger sewer main in the street. From there the sewage travels by gravity or pressure to the treatment plant. The flow is constant, with peaks in the morning and evening. Each day millions of gallons of wastewater safely reach the treatment plant to be reclaimed and returned to the environment. Unfortunately, a blockage in the sewer line can interfere with this normally quiet, out-of-sight process. A backup in a private line or sewer main causes a backup through the drains and toilets at the lowest point in your home. The overflow will continue until the blockage is removed or until sewage is no longer entering the line.

The first question you will hear from City Utilities staff when they respond to a sewage backup is, "Do you know where your cleanout is?" Most people do not realize the importance of having a sewer cleanout; it could save you considerable money in the event of a backup. The cleanout is a pipe in your yard that rises from your sewer line to about 4" above ground level and is capped. (In some sections of the City the sewer lines are located in the backyards.) A cleanout makes the sewer line accessible, and without a cleanout, it is impossible to clean the line.

Cleanouts are the homeowner's responsibility to install and maintain. Ideally, a cleanout was installed when your home was built. Locate the sewer cleanout in your yard and keep it accessible. If you do not have a cleanout, you should seriously consider having a plumber install one as close to your house as possible.

Also, check your homeowner's insurance policy. If you are not covered for sewage backups, call your agent for information on cost and coverage options. Finally, if you experience a backup, save all receipts related to any repair, cleaning, or damages.

Bowie Ice Arena



Bowie Ice Arena will once again offer summer skating camps and group lessons beginning in July. For a brochure with registration information, please visit us online at 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.

Hockey Development – A specialty camp during the week of **July 19** with former NHL player Dean Melanson for hockey players who have team experience at the Mite travel level through Bantam/High School. For a detailed brochure, please call the Ice Arena.

The Ice Arena is closed during the months of May and June for annual maintenance but will reopen in July for summer skating.

Bowie Playhouse Presents



BYE BYE BIRDIE -- 4/30 - 5/15

Rock and Roll was new in 1960 when "Bye Bye Birdie" premiered on Broadway and the musical was meant as a parody of the rock and roll idols of the day and the reaction they inspired from young people. "Birdie" tells the story of Conrad Birdie, an Elvis-like teen idol, who gets drafted into the Army. His agent Albert stages a publicity stunt to send Birdie off – give a fan a good-bye kiss. Directed by Jeffrey Resnick. Produced by Prince George's Little Theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m. on April 30-May 1, May 7-8, May 14-15. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on May 2 and May 9. Call 301-937-7458 for reservations.

THE SECRET GARDEN -- 6/4 - 6/27

This musical is based on the children's book classic. The story revolves around Mary Lennox, an 11 year old girl who returns to Yorkshire, England, to stay with a reclusive uncle and his sickly son after her parents are killed in India. Located on the estate is a magic, locked garden. Flashbacks, dream sequences, a strolling chorus of ghosts and beautiful music tell the story of how Mary brings new life to the neglected garden, her cousin and her uncle. Directed by Jane Wingard. Produced by 2nd Star Productions. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Matinees are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Reservations can be made by calling the box office at 410-757-5700 or 301-832-4819.



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

Remembering the Importance of Trees

I hope all of you are enjoying the warmer spring weather. How about we take a quick journey down “memory lane” in order to get a fresh view of why trees and the tree canopy are so important and beneficial to all of us?

The City’s Planning Department recently engaged a university study which evaluated the “tree canopy” in our City. We fared very well in that our tree canopy is well over 40%, putting us quite high on the comparative scale with other cities locally and nationally. Yet, it is incumbent upon all of us to keep focused and continue to maintain and even increase the tree canopy. It would be appropriate to ask, “Why?” The benefits of an urban tree canopy can be thought of as threefold: environmental, economic and social.

Environmentally, trees benefit us by improving air quality by capturing pollutants and CO2 and producing clean oxygen, reducing storm water runoff, cooling the “urban heat island”, providing wind-breaks, and providing needed shade.

Economically, trees increase property values, attract homebuyers, attract businesses and customers, reduce energy costs, and can even reduce some health problems.

Socially, trees help create a friendlier environment with less crime and violence. They also can increase community pride and interest with their beauty, while promoting recreation and relaxation contributing to the general public health.

Not wanting to bore you with further details and statistics, suffice it to say that without our excellent tree canopy in Bowie, the quality of our lives would be greatly diminished. And this is why our City staff is dedicated to maintaining and even increasing the health and population of our trees. It is my sincere desire and hope that you, our citizens, will join in the mission and plant a tree in your yard as well. Here’s to “going green”! Rick Kellner, Community Forester

Youth and Family Services

301-809-3033

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

Teen Workers City residents, your help is needed in keeping our teens engaged and busy this spring season. As summer approaches, spring housecleaning and yard work often are put on household agendas. Teens who have signed on to the **Teen Job Bank** are looking for just these kinds of jobs. If you are a resident interested in obtaining the services of a teen, log onto the City’s website and complete the waiver and job request forms and mail them to Youth Services at 2614 Kenhill Drive, Bowie, MD 20715. You will be sent a list of teens that match your request. For feedback and quality control, staff will call you to follow-up on your satisfaction with the work and the teen(s) you hired.

Traffic Calming ... the Three E's

The City looks at traffic safety issues from a multi-disciplinary approach. In general, it follows the three "E's" of traffic safety - engineering, enforcement, and education.

Engineering involves the signage and other traffic control devices on City streets. When contacted about an engineering issue, the City will have an employee respond to the site in question to conduct a survey. If the solution is within the engineering guidelines and construction scope of the City's abilities, such as striping a roadway or crosswalk, the City will take care of the issue in-house. If the issue is one that requires an engineering study, such as a request for speed humps, a more involved process must take place. For example, the installation of speed humps requires a volume and speed traffic study for not only the requested street, but for surrounding streets that might be affected. A petition signed by 70% of the affected street's residents, as well as other criteria, are also required. For details of the City's policy on speed humps and for assistance with engineering issues, please contact the City's Public Works Director Jim Henrikson at 301-809-2335 or jhenrikson@cityofbowie.org.

Enforcement of the traffic laws comes under the purview of the Bowie Police Department. Our Police Department conducts routine police patrol for offending drivers. The Bowie Police Department also has a variety of radar and laser devices for electronic speed measurement. Photo radar enforcement has been implemented on Northview Drive near Northview Elementary School. To request traffic enforcement, please contact Corporal Joe Rose at 301-575-2480 or jrose@cityofbowie.org.

The City uses digital speed trailers and pole-mounted solar-powered traffic calming signs to educate its roadway users. Both devices display the speed of approaching vehicles, however the pole-mounted sign also records the traffic count. While most drivers obey the posted speed limit, the digital display reminds speeding drivers that they are going too fast by flashing their speed in red. The digital display does not record speeds or issue electronic citations. To have a display trailer or pole-mounted sign placed in your neighborhood, please contact Alan Creveling in the City Manager's Office at 301-809-3079 or acreveling@cityofbowie.org.

Farmers' Market Opening Day

Join us for the Bowie Farmers' Market Opening Day on **Sunday, May 16, 2010** from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Opening Day will host market vendors offering fresh locally grown produce, fruit, cut flowers, plants, breads, pastries, jams and jellies. And pick up a Farmers' Market bag with a qualifying purchase.

The market will operate in the parking lot of the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts at Bowie High School, 15200 Annapolis Road on Sundays, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., through October 31, 2010. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityof-bowie.org.

Youth Leadership Bowie

The Youth Leadership Bowie (YLB) program is designed to provide young people with experiential leadership opportunities while exposing them to career paths. Networking and relationship building are key components of this year-long program that motivates participants to get involved in their community. The program runs September through May.

Participants meet one day per month for a group activity and complete a community service project. Students who live in the City or attend Bowie High who will be sophomores and juniors in the Fall of 2010 are invited to contact Bowie City Hall (301-809-3014) or the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce (301-262-0920) for additional information or to request an application. All applications must be received by **May 7, 2010**.

Code Corner

Gutters and Shutters According to the City Code, Chapter 5, gutters and shutters must be maintained to certain specifications and standards. All gutters and downspouts shall be properly connected and maintained in good condition, free of holes and obstructions. If gutters and/or downspouts are sagging, pulling away from the structure or fallen down, this is a violation of the City Code and must be repaired. Gutters and downspouts serve to carry water away from the structure and foundation so as not to cause water damage. Water shall be conveyed off the premises in an acceptable manner and not in a manner that may cause erosion of any neighboring property. Stormwater or drainwater from any source shall not be redirected to flow onto or across abutting property or cause pooling on any property. Properties shall be maintained so as to prevent the accumulation of stagnant water.

All shutters shall be uniform in style and color. Shutters shall be maintained in pairs on residential or commercial buildings or both shall be removed. If the shutters are removed from the dwelling, all hardware must also be removed from the structure. All slats on shutters must be maintained in good repair.

Building Permits It is important for the City to once again remind residents, contractors and property owners of the importance of obtaining City of Bowie building permits. Not only is it illegal to begin construction without the proper permits, it is also in the best interest of the property owners to ensure the new structures are in compliance with the Maryland Building Performance Standards and the associated building codes and amendments. These standards provide for the reasonable protection of the public against the hazards of life, health and property.

If a resident or property owner is uncertain whether a construction project requires a permit, they should call the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources Permit and Review Division at 301-883-5784 or visit the website at www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/Government/AgencyIndex/DER. Questions concerning City of Bowie building permits should be directed to the City's Department of Community Services at 301-809-3013.

Skunks

Now that spring is upon us, skunks may become a nuisance to residents in some neighborhoods. It is important to understand baby skunks are born generally during the months of May and June, with an average litter of five "kits" (newborns). They den in brush piles, beneath outbuildings, stonewalls, and they have been discovered under the concrete porches of a few Bowie homes. Their primary diet consists of grubs, insects, and small rodents. They are crepuscular, coming out mostly during dusk and dawn and they have few predators. Skunks can spray up to 15 feet and the odor is very offensive. Homeowners should cover garbage cans and close openings under porches, patios, and crawl spaces. If you locate a den, you may try spraying a mixture of eight ounces of dish detergent and eight ounces of castor oil, mixed with one gallon of water around the area. To determine if the den area has been vacated, stuff newspapers in the entrance hole; if the animals are still present, the paper will be pushed out within 24 hours. The only permanent method of exclusion is to seal off the area with wire mesh buried at least a foot into the ground. If necessary, a resident may borrow an animal trap from the City for the safe and humane relocation of the animal. A licensed Maryland Wildlife Rehabilitator may also be employed to assist you with the nuisance problem. For more information concerning skunks and other nuisance wildlife, please contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002.

Springtime Tips from Public Works

Yard Waste Recycling is Mandatory. Yard waste is collected each Wednesday. There is no need to call for a pickup. **It will not be picked up with regular trash.** Yard waste consists of leaves, grass clippings, branches less than three inches in diameter (**no bamboo, dirt, mulch, or sod**). Leaves and grass (free of dirt and rocks, etc.) must be bagged, boxed or in cans. Branches must be no longer than four feet and should be securely tied in manageable bundles, or put in boxes or bags. Yard waste must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on Wednesdays. Bamboo is picked up on regular trash days.

Refuse and Recycling Reminders: Single stream recycling is here! Glass food and beverage containers (clear and colored); aluminum beverage cans and foil; bimetal cans - food containers; aerosol cans; plastics - soft or rigid, large or small mouth bottles and containers, tubs, bags, flower pots, cups, toys, and lawn furniture; newspapers, junk mail, catalogs, magazines, paperboard and cardboard should be placed in paper or plastic bags, or tied in bundles. All of these items may be placed in the same recycling container. You may use any container, just mark it **“Recycling”**. The filled container may weigh no more than 50 pounds. Place it at the curb by 7 a.m. the day of your pickup.

Special pickup is for metal items only such as washers, dryers, water heaters, grills, bicycles, refrigerators, freezers, exercise equipment – anything that is 98% metal. You must call to request the service. Call 301-809-2344 prior to 12 noon on Tuesdays for that Wednesday’s special pickup.

Large, bulky items such as couches, chairs, console televisions, computer monitors, sliding glass doors with the glass, wood tables - household items that are not 98% metal - can be placed at the curb on one of your regular trash days. These are not special pickup items.

Used Oil and Antifreeze: The City operates a drop-off facility for used oil, filters and antifreeze just inside the Public Works entrance on Route 450. This facility is open Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., the first Saturday of each month 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., and other Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Items not collected: Compact fluorescent light bulbs, sod, dirt, rocks, mulch, car parts, propane tanks, concrete, oil, gasoline, kerosene, oil-based paints or any hazardous materials. Prince George’s County collects hazardous waste at the Brown Station Landfill in Upper Marlboro on Thursdays and Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Sundays, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 301-883-5045 for information.

Buying a New Lawn Mower?

The City offers residents a rebate of **\$50** for the purchase of a mulching lawn mower. To obtain your cash rebate, bring proof of City residency and the receipt for the mulching mower to the Finance Department Cashier’s window at City Hall. If the receipt does not specify that the mower is a mulching one, please also bring a manual or other documentation for the mower.

Finance Department hours are Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Document Shredding Event

Saturday, May 15, 2010

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bowie High School
15200 Annapolis Road



Shred sensitive documents at this **FREE** event!
For more information, call the City of Bowie Public Works Department at **301-809-2344**.

News of the City Museums



Mark Your Calendar

Mother's Day Tea at Belair Mansion

Saturday, May 8, 4 p.m. Treat a special lady to a special afternoon. Reservations and advance payment required. \$24 per person.

"To Go a' Soldiering"

Saturday, May 15, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Meet members of local Revolutionary War regiments as they prepare for battle. Free.

42nd Annual Bowie Heritage Day

Sunday, May 16, 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion and Stable Museum. Celebrate Bowie history with tours of the Mansion and lots of Stable activities – bluegrass music, pony rides, "horse tales," and kids activities – all for free!

Brown Bag Lunch History Lecture at Belair Mansion

Monday, May 17, 12 - 1 p.m. Bring your lunch and enjoy some history. No reservations required. Free.

Kids Kaboose at Bowie Railroad Station

Thursdays, May 20 and June 17, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. A railroad morning for children -- crafts, stories and fun! For ages 1 - 10. Free.

Brown Bag Lunch History Lecture at Belair Mansion

Monday, June 14, 12 - 1 p.m. Bring your lunch and enjoy some history. No reservations required. Free.

Tuesday Time Travelers

Tuesday, June 22, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Children ages 4 - 10 can enjoy a look at early American games and pastimes. No reservations required. Free.

For information on these, or any museum programs, please call 301-809-3089 or email museumevents@cityof-bowie.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 of age and older.

Employment Resources Day

Saturday, May 1, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Join us as we promote economic self-sufficiency for the mature adult 55 and over. Businesses and organizations will offer employment information and assistance.

Bowie Senior Chorale Concerts

Thursday, May 13, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center and Wednesday, May 19, 7:30 p.m. at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. The Senior Chorale will perform two spring concerts, open to the public. Food donations for the Bowie Pantry will be accepted at the May 13 performance. Tickets for the May 18 performance are \$5 per person and are available at the Senior Center. Call the Center for more information.

Bay Winds Band Spring Concert

Tuesday, May 18, 7 - 8 p.m. Open to the community. *Donations to the band appreciated.*

Active Adult 55+

Senior Information Summit

May 24

10 - 11 a.m.
1 - 2 p.m.
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Motivational Speaker
Medicare and Medical Insurance
Services for Homebound,
Nutrition and Emergency Meals

May 25

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
1 - 2 p.m.
2 - 3 p.m.
7 - 8 p.m.
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Crime Awareness and Prevention
Door and Phone Solicitations
Fitness
Retirement Presentation
Adventure and Meaning in Life

May 26

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
1 - 2 p.m.
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Housing
Subsidized Transportation
Keeping Up With City News

May 27

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Senior Information Vendor Fair
Financial Presentation

Bowie residents, please call the Senior Center for more information and if you need transportation.

Bowie Senior Center 10th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, June 18, 10 a.m. Although the Center is actually 33 years old, we are celebrating ten years at Health Center Drive. Festivities begin at 10 a.m. with entertainment, tours, and class demonstrations throughout the day. Join us as we present Bowie Senior Center "Past, Present and Future!"

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Upcoming Events

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Memorial Day Parade

*Saturday, May 29, 2010
Beginning at 11 a.m.*

Bowiefest

*Allen Pond Park
Saturday, June 5, 2010
11 a.m. - 6 p.m.*

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.

Register at www.WABA.org or call 202-518-0524. Preregister by May 14 for a free T-shirt and bike raffle! For more information, contact Frank Stevens in the City's Planning Department at 301-809-3053 or fstevens@cityofbowie.org.



Alternative versions of this newsletter are available upon request.

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