

Bowie Spotlight

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Huntington Heritage Society Seeks Photo Help

In 1874, what we know today as Old Bowie, was incorporated as Huntington City. Huntington was a bustling railroad town, an important stop between Washington and Baltimore, a town of families, shops, churches and schools.

One hundred and two years later, in 1986, the Huntington Heritage Society (HHS) was founded by a group of residents strong in their belief that Bowie's earliest history – the history of the City's true birthplace – needed to be preserved. Led by Fannie and Mary Basim, the Society produced a book, *Town of Bowie, Maryland 1870-1960*, a collection of photographs and anecdotes exploring Huntington City's rich past.

Many of the photos, plus others in the Society's collection, need identification. These photos are a wonderful glimpse of small town life long past. Some date to 1891. Perhaps subjects are members of your family – your ancestors – or maybe they're YOU! It could be you – or your grandmother - at the fireman's carnival in the 1930's, or your great aunt attending a church festival.

Here's where you can help! The HHS is seeking history detectives. Enjoy a chance to have a personal association with Huntington's story! Folks who might be able to identify photographic subjects are invited to join the Society on Saturday, **November 6** from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Knights of St. John Hall at Chestnut Avenue & 12th Street. Please come and share your knowledge and memories – you'll be helping to keep history alive in a wonderful place – and you might find a bit of your own history in the bargain!

The Huntington Heritage Society may be reached at 301-464-8054; mailing address is: Post Office Box 183, Bowie, Maryland 20719-0183.



Holiday Tree Lighting Sunday, December 5

The City invites you to join your neighbors at the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday, December 5, 2010. The program begins at **7 p.m.** at City Hall, 2614 Kenhill Drive. Bundle up for caroling outdoors, followed by the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus atop the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department's ladder truck. This year, the City is asking everyone to bring a nonperishable food item for the Bowie Food Pantry to help those in need this holiday season. Indoors following Santa's arrival, enjoy entertainment in the Multipurpose Room, children's crafts, and visit with Santa. For more information, contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

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Snow Removal

With winter upon us, please remember to remove your vehicles from the street if snow or ice is in the forecast. This will allow plows and/or salt and sand vehicles to more thoroughly treat your street. A **Snow Emergency** is declared whenever snow reaches a depth of two inches. All vehicles must be removed from City streets. The City begins plowing when the snow depth reaches two inches. All main drives, hills and collector streets are treated and/or plowed first. Plowing continues until all streets have been cleared. In the event of a snowfall less than two inches, all main drives, hills and collector streets are treated with salt and/or sand. Streets and cul de sacs that are flat or have only slight inclines with limited intersections are only treated in extreme icing conditions. During a snow or ice event only, it is acceptable to park your vehicle on your grass. Each resident is responsible for removing snow and/or ice from the sidewalk in front of their home. To report hazardous conditions within the City, call 301-809-2344. A detailed explanation of the snow policy can be found on the City's website - www.cityofbowie.org.

City Committee Vacancies

Volunteers are needed for several City committees: Heritage Committee, Community Recreation Committee, Arts Committee, Education Committee, Community Outreach Committee, Financial Advisory Committee, and Diversity Committee. Information on the role of each committee and how to apply for membership can be found on the City's website - www.cityofbowie.org. For additional information, please contact the City Clerk at pflaming@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3029.

City Board of Elections Needs Members

The Bowie City Council is seeking volunteers to fill several vacancies on the City's Board of Elections. The Board of Elections supervise all City elections. The terms of the members and alternates shall begin on the third Monday in November in the year in which they are appointed and shall expire on the third Monday in November of the second year following their appointment. Board members and alternates shall be qualified voters of the City and shall not hold or be candidates for any elective office during their term of office. For additional information on City elections and compensation for Board members, applicants may refer to Chapter 6 of the Bowie City Code which can be found on the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org under City Code or you may contact the City Clerk at 301-809-3029 or pflaming@cityofbowie.org.

The Board is composed of nine (9) members and four (4) alternate members who are appointed by the Council. To apply, please send a letter of interest and resume by regular mail or email to City Clerk, City of Bowie, 2614 Kenhill Drive, Bowie, MD 20715 or pflaming@cityofbowie.org.

Identify Your Pet

Most pet owners do not expect their pets to become lost, but many do at one time or another. In order to ensure pets can be identified if they stray from home, consider these options:

1. Abide by the County license law. When you license your pet, you will receive a tag to fasten to your pet's harness or collar. The ID number is in a database with the County, and your pet will be registered to your name and address.

2. Put personal identification on your pet. Many companies offer ID tags for a low price. If you don't like the sound of jingling tags on your pet's collar, consider having your contact information embroidered onto your pet's collar.

3. Microchip your pet. Animal Control Officers, veterinary offices, and shelters scan lost animals for microchips. If a microchip is found, the owner can be identified and contacted via the microchip registration information. This is great if your pet loses its collar. Remember that Bowie Animal Control offers low cost microchipping for City residents. Call 301-809-3002 or email tdodge@cityofbowie.org for more information.

Roaming Deer

Deer are most active this time of year. It's their mating season and they are usually observed during the early evening hours and the early morning hours. Here are some important tips to remember when traveling on our roadways this time of year.

- Slow down and be more observant.
- On darkened roadways, travel with your high beams on.
- When you see a deer on the side of the road, slow down and honk your horn. If you see one deer, there are probably more. Deer travel in groups.
- If a collision is unavoidable, brake and don't swerve. If you try to avoid the deer, you may lose control and swerve into oncoming traffic or off the roadway.
- If you strike a deer, ensure your personal well-being and that of the occupants in your vehicle. Do not approach the injured deer. Call 911 to report the location of the accident, per Prince George's County Code, Section 3-142.

Please have your pet microchipped and spayed or neutered. Consider adopting a pet from the Prince George's County Animal Management Facility or other animal shelter or rescue center.

New Maryland

Cell Phone Law

Beginning October 1, 2010, a new Maryland law prohibits drivers from using a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle in motion on a street or highway, unless they are using a hands-free device.

Phone calls placed to 911, ambulance, hospital, fire, or law enforcement agencies are allowed, as are calls made by emergency and law enforcement personnel. A driver is allowed to turn a hand-held phone on or off and to initiate or terminate a call.

The new law is a secondary offense, meaning that a driver must first be detained for another offense, such as speeding or negligent driving, before he or she can be ticketed for a cell phone offense. However, be advised that "negligent driving" is a primary offense in Maryland and can be used as a precursor to citing violators of the new cell phone law.

The fine for a first offense is \$40 and subsequent offenses are \$100. Points will not be assessed to a first-time violator's driving record, although three points can be assessed if the violation contributed to a crash. One point is assessed for a second or subsequent offense.

More information about the law can be found at <http://www.maryland.gov>.

Code Corner ... Fall Reminders

It's the time of year we invite our neighbors, friends and family to our homes. We spend a lot of time preparing meals and cleaning our home to make it inviting to our guests. We should also spend an equal amount of time cleaning our yard and the exterior property areas. Think about...

- Trimming the dead tree branches off the trees.
- Picking up the fallen tree branches and other yard waste from the yard.
- Placing the outdoor toys, garden tools, etc. into the shed.
- Cleaning out the gutters.
- Secure the gutters and downspouts to the house.
- Check for loose window shutters.

Old and Inoperable Vehicles

The Code Compliance Office often receives concerns about old and inoperable cars, trailers or campers parked on residential driveways. To the vehicle owner, here are some points to consider.

- Rarely does a vehicle's value increase as it gets older.
- Leaving a vehicle outdoors or under a car cover does not prevent it from rusting.
- Even if you drive it or tow it occasionally, you still have to pay for the tags and insurance.
- If you haven't repaired it this past year, you will probably not get to it next year.
- Do you really think your kids will want to drive it in ten years?

Further, if you sell, donate, recycle or junk your vehicle, it will be easier to park in your driveway now. You won't have to walk around the vehicle and you'll be closer to the front door. You'll earn or save money. Donating the vehicle to a school, service or charitable organization will benefit the organization and it may help you with your taxes. You can focus on other repairs you really need to complete. Your family and neighbors will thank you for getting rid of it and finally, those pesky City of Bowie Code Compliance Officers will stop annoying you about it.

One More Reminder Do not place your trash at the curb on City holidays and days when trash pickup is not scheduled.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Code Compliance Division at 301-809-3008 or lransom@cityofbowie.org.

Christmas Trees

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



Holiday Crime Prevention Seminar

'Tis the Season for giving ... and unfortunately for taking. Learn ways to prevent being a victim this holiday season at this seminar provided by the Bowie Police Department.

Wednesday, November 10, 2010

7 p.m.

Bowie City Hall
2614 Kenhill Drive
Bowie, MD 20715

*For more information, contact
Corporal Henderson at 301-575-2480.*



Bowie Youth Chorus

One year ago in January 2010, the City began a Bowie Youth Chorus under the direction of veteran musical director Eleanor Minor. Five months later in May 2010, the Chorus presented a concert at the Bowie Senior Center, performed the National Anthem and a short concert at Bowiefest, and presented their Spring Concert at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts.

The Chorus is back this fall and rehearses weekly at Bowie City Hall. Over 40 members strong, the youth are in grades five through nine and represent many Bowie public and private schools, as well as the homeschool community. The Chorus will be singing at the City's Holiday Tree Lighting and presenting concerts at the Bowie Senior Center and the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts.

In January 2011, a new semester begins and registration for chorus members, old and new, will begin in November 2010. The fee for Bowie residents is \$50; the nonresident fee is \$55.

Registration forms will be available online or parents can register their young people for the Chorus at the Department of Community Services window at City Hall, 2614 Kenhill Drive, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Community Services at 301-809-3011 or Annette Esterheld at aesterheld@cityofbowie.org.

Young Person's Art Gallery



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

November

Heather Hills
Elementary School

December

Yorktown Elementary School

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.

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**.



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

Teachers at these schools are eligible: Bowie High School and Tall Oaks Technical Academy; Benjamin Tasker and Samuel Ogle Middle Schools; St. Pius X Regional, Grace Christian, Cornerstone Christian Academy, Holy Trinity (lower campus); Heather Hills, High Bridge, Kenilworth, Northview, Pointer Ridge, Rockledge, Tulip Grove, Whitehall and Yorktown Elementary Schools; Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center and C. Elizabeth Rieg 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.

Judy Goldberg-Strassler, Counselor at Yorktown Elementary School, is the September Teacher of the Month.

Ms. Judy Goldberg-Strassler's nomination was received from parent Susie Fousheé, who describes her as being a "jewel" at her son's school. She has a "positive impact" on all of the children who walk through our school doors every day, as well as the parents and the community. Her office is a "Hug Zone." She provides books, puppets, and other necessary tools as well as the confidence to handle whatever situation arises. She sends wonderful letters of love and advice, as needed.

Ms. Goldberg-Strassler handles an exhaustive list of "wonderfully amazing things!" These include Career Day, running the school's daily morning television show, creating school-wide awareness of the importance of peace and civil methodologies of conflict

resolution through her Student Peace Pledge Program and 150 Days of Peace. She also works actively with the PTA to write grants for projects, performers, artists, and is actively involved with planning and implementing Earth Day programs. She hosts Lunch Bunch, inviting students (and requested friends) to dine, eat, chat, play games and discuss books they have read. She sponsors the student council, nurturing and encouraging young leaders to participate within a democratic body.

When tragedy strikes "in our backyard or anywhere in the world," Ms. Goldberg-Strassler is "quick to mobilize our school family." Students respond in a big way to her calls for assistance. The school raised \$2,127 for the Haiti Save the Children Fund. In years past, some of the efforts have included col-

lecting items for battered moms in a nearby shelter and collecting and filling backpacks for homeless children in the area. She's behind the scenes of these efforts and more! There are also the multicultural holiday celebrations and the coordination of all of the students' Individual Learning Plans. Clearly this school counselor gives 110% of herself.

According to Yorktown's Principal, Ms. Cheryl Hughes, Ms. Goldberg-Strassler is an "avid supporter of the arts, working relentlessly to ensure the arts are an integral component in enhancing instruction at Yorktown. She collaborates closely with parents, students and teachers to help foster a strong community of caring and coordinates various activities to help students build life-long skills. She is truly an asset to the Yorktown family."

Bowie Youth and Family Services

Bowie Youth and Family Services offers counseling services to families with children in the home who are under 18 years old and live within Prince George's County. Counseling services are free to the citizens of Bowie. Staff is professional and responsive, with extensive training and experience in child and family issues and concerns. Services are confidential and offered in a caring and supportive environment. An intake counselor is available during normal business hours and will complete an intake form with you. Appointments are held in the office, usually on a once a week basis, at a time determined by you and your counselor. Please call **301-809-3033** for more information or to begin the intake process.

Ways to Support Your Child in School Work to build a collaborative relationship with your child's teacher. Work with your child's teacher to set goals for the coming year. Share any information that can help the teacher understand your child. Ask the teacher what would be the best way to communicate if necessary. Inform yourself about the school's expectations for your child this year. Develop a homework routine with your child. Choose a time. Set up a place for your child to work that is comfortable and free of distractions. Let your child work independently and ask for help when it's needed. Let the teacher know if the work seems too difficult.

Upcoming Group Offerings These groups have proven popular in the past so in order to be sure and secure a space, interested persons are encouraged to sign up early. Each group assesses a small fee for all of the sessions. If you have questions or are interested, call 301-809-3033.

Active Parenting – A popular group for parents that focuses on learning practical skills to develop self-esteem, cooperation and responsibility in your children ages 10 – 16. Fee: \$40

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

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

Teen Job Bank Teens between 13 and 18 years of age are needed to help citizens with jobs like babysitting, snow shoveling, lawn and yard work, housework, etc. Costs and fees are arranged between the teen and resident requesting the service. Teens as well as residents using this service must fill in a form. Please go online to the City's website - www.cityofbowie.org to download the required forms or call 301-809-3033 for forms to be mailed.

Thanks for Donations

The Community Outreach Committee (COC) appreciates the generosity of community members in support of their efforts to collect food and other items for the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry. Your donations, at the International Festival and at any time, really make a difference! Tax deductible contributions and grocery store gift cards are also a great way to donate! Checks may be written to the Food Pantry and sent to their address. The Pantry is located at the Christian Community Presbyterian Church, 3120 Belair Drive, Bowie, MD 20715. It is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. There are also collection containers near the reception desk in City Hall and in the lobby of the Senior Center, where you may drop nonperishable food, paper goods and personal items.

For more information, visit the website at www.Bowiefoodpantry.org or contact the Pantry at 301-262-6765 or BowieFoodPantry@gmail.com.

Bowie Ice Arena

301-809-3090



Series 2 Group Lessons Begin December 2, 2010

Registration will be held November 18-30, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Ice Arena. Registration must be made in person by a parent or legal guardian. Classes are offered for children as young as 18 months of age through adults. The series includes seven half-hour lessons, skate rental during the lessons, and a seven-admission public session pass. The fee for Bowie residents is \$90. Space is limited, so register early. Private lessons are also available. Please call the Ice Arena for further information.

Leaf Collection Begins

November 1

The City's leaf collection service kicks off November 1. Each residential neighborhood will have two collection dates. Residents should rake leaves into piles at the edge of their grass for pickup by the City crews. Collection will take place from approximately 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to the schedule on Page 9.

Crews will work rain or shine. However, in the event of snow or ice storms, leaf collection will be temporarily suspended, as the trucks and crews will be redeployed to salt or plow City streets.

Some sections of the City are listed on two consecutive days. Due to expected volume, these sections may take more than one day to complete. The leaves must be raked to the curb by 7 a.m. on the first scheduled date. The second day is built into the schedule to allow extra time if it is needed. Crews will visit areas not completed on the first scheduled day.

For up-to-date information, please call 301-262-6200 and select the prompt for the Leaf Collection Hotline.

For more information, call 301-809-2344.

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.

*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 the disc jockey.

Admission Rates:

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

2 for 1 Admission

Any Public Skating Session

Bowie Ice Arena

Expires 12/31/10

Not valid during DJ session or with any other discount or offer.
Skates \$2.75

\$5 Off Series 2

Group Lesson

Registration

Bowie Ice Arena

Expires 12/2/10
Not valid with any other discount or offer.

ONE COUPON
PER FAMILY

2010 Leaf Collection Schedule

Section	First Leaf Collection Date		Second Leaf Collection Date	
AMBER MEADOWS	Thurs.	11/4	Tues.	11/23
ASHLEIGH	Thurs.	11/18	Wed.	12/15
BELAIR GREENS	Mon.	11/15	Thurs.	12/9
BELAIR TOWN I	Tues.	11/2	Tues.	11/30
BELAIR TOWN II	Tues.	11/2	Tues.	11/30
BUCKINGHAM	Mon.	11/15	Thurs.	12/9
CHAPEL FORGE	Tues.	11/23	Thurs.	12/16
COLLINGTON MANOR	Thurs.	11/18	Wed.	12/15
COLLINGTON STATION	Thurs.	11/18	Wed.	12/15
COVINGTON MANOR	Thurs.	11/4	Mon.	12/13
DERBYSHIRE	Mon.	11/15	Mon.	12/6
DEVONSHIRE	Thurs.	11/18	Wed.	12/15
ENFIELD (excluding townhomes)	Thurs.	11/4	Mon.	11/29
FAIRVIEW	Wed.	11/17	Wed.	12/15
FOXHILL	Tues.	11/9	Wed.	12/1
GLEN ALLEN	Thurs.	11/4	Mon.	12/13
GRADYS WALK	Wed.	11/17	Wed.	12/15
GROVEHURST	Thurs.	11/18	Wed.	12/15
HARVEY MANOR	Wed.	11/17	Wed.	12/8
HEATHER HILLS	Thurs.	11/4	Mon.	11/29
HIGHBRIDGE PARK	Wed.	11/17	Wed.	12/8
HUNTINGTON*	Tues.	11/16 (& 11/17)	Wed.	12/8 (& 12/9)
HUNTINGTON CREST	Wed.	11/17	Tues.	12/7
IDLEWILD	Wed.	11/3	Tues.	11/30
KENILWORTH*	Mon.	11/8 (& 11/9)	Thurs.	12/2
LONGLEAF	Thurs.	11/18	Mon.	12/13
LONG RIDGE*	Mon.	11/8	Wed.	12/1 (& 12/2)
MEADOWBROOK*	Tues.	11/2 (& 11/3)	Tues.	11/30 (& 12/1)
MITCHELLVILLE EAST	Thurs.	11/4	Mon.	12/13
NORTHRIDGE	Tues.	11/23	Wed.	12/15
NORTHVIEW	Wed.	11/3	Mon.	11/29
OAKTREE	Thurs.	11/18	Wed.	12/15
OLD CHAPEL	Mon.	11/15	Thurs.	12/9
OLD CHAPEL ESTATES	Mon.	11/15	Thurs.	12/9
OLD STAGE	Thurs.	11/18	Mon.	12/13
OVERBROOK	Mon.	11/1 (& 11/2)	Wed.	11/24
POINTER RIDGE	Mon.	11/22	Tues.	12/14
ROCKLEDGE	Mon.	11/1	Wed.	11/24
ROLLING HILLS	Wed.	11/17	Wed.	12/8
SADDLEBROOK	Mon.	11/1	Tues.	11/23
SADDLEBROOK WEST	Mon.	11/1	Tues.	11/23
SOMERSET*	Wed.	11/10	Mon.	12/6 (& 12/7)
STEWART'S LANDING	Wed.	11/17	Wed.	12/15
TALL OAKS	Thurs.	11/18	Wed.	12/15
TERNBERRY	Thurs.	11/18	Wed.	12/15
TULIP GROVE*	Tues.	11/9 (& 11/10)	Wed.	12/1
VICTORIA HEIGHTS	Wed.	11/3	Thurs.	12/16
WESTVIEW	Wed.	11/17	Wed.	12/15
WHITEHALL	Mon.	11/15	Tues.	12/7
WOODMORE ESTATES	Thurs.	11/18	Wed.	12/15
WOODMORE HIGHLANDS	Wed.	11/17	Wed.	12/15
YORKTOWN	Mon.	11/1	Wed.	11/24

*Leaves must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on the first scheduled date. The second date is only for those areas not visited on the first date.

Community Outreach Grants Awarded

The Community Outreach Committee received six (6) applications for the City's FY 2011 Outreach Grants. The areas of need that would be addressed for the target populations varies from health and mental health to school readiness and family assistance. As usual, the projects presented very worthwhile and, in some cases, unique ideas. Much time was spent in reviewing and carefully evaluating the applications in order to make the best decision as to which projects would receive a portion of the \$12,500 in funding that was made available for these grants.

Congratulations to the following three grant recipients:

Compassion Concierge, LLC - Diabetes Prevention and Management for Low Income Senior Citizens (\$4,751.23). This program will provide assistance in managing health through workshops and hands-on experiences in appropriate exercise and nutrition.

Professional Child Care Provider Network of Prince George's County, Inc. - Promoting School Readiness in Child Care Programs (\$4,529.36). Training and development of school readiness programs will be provided for Child Care Providers in Bowie. This will include training and materials to develop lesson plans, materials, books and activities that support school readiness.

Bowie Crofton Pregnancy Clinic - A Healthier Bowie (\$3,219.41). Services will be added on to an existing program in the community, including an expansion of programs in their prenatal clinics and making additional testing available that is not part of that which is currently offered. Workshops will be available in areas such as pregnancy, parenting, job search and resumes, and healthy relationships.

Protecting Children

On the Internet

Are you concerned about allowing your children to browse the Internet, even to do research projects for school? Do you want to know how to protect children or grandchildren, but were unable to attend the Education Committee's Internet Safety Forum in October? You may find assistance in the following places:

The FBI has created information for parents and students, which is available on its website, www.fbi.gov/publications/pguide/parentsguide.pdf/view. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has information available on its site, NetSmartz®, www.netsmartz.org/uyn/uynfaq.htm#.

Resources for teens may be found at the Maryland Attorney General's website, www.oag.state.md.us/WiseBuys/online.htm. The Attorney General's Office also recommends the website of I-Safe America, www.isafe.org.

If you have questions, please contact Leni Stern, Education Committee Liaison at lstern@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3068.

Past Excellence In Education and Arts Scholarship Winners - Please Respond!

The Bowie Education and Arts Committees are seeking input from past scholarship recipients, and recently sent out surveys to students who received these scholarships! The Committees hope to gain an understanding of how the City's scholarships have impacted the lives of these students. They look forward to hearing about the education of scholarship recipients and what they are doing now! If you know a student who received one of these scholarships, but may have moved out of the area, we would greatly appreciate your letting them know that we would like to hear from them.

Please see the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org for the survey, or contact Leni Stern, Education Committee Staff Liaison at 301-809-03068 or lstern@cityofbowie.org, or Annette Esterheld, Arts Committee Staff Liaison at 301-575-5601 or aesterheld@cityofbowie.org, and we would be happy to mail or email the survey form. Thank you very much!

**The City of Bowie
Presents the 29th Annual
HOLIDAY HOUSE
DECORATING CONTEST**



HOUSE DECORATING ENTRY FORM (Form may be reproduced.)

DECORATING CATEGORY

CIRCLE ONE: COLONIAL RELIGIOUS TRADITIONAL

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____

WORK PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

By sending this form, participant gives the City of Bowie the right to use their name and picture of their house for future publicity.

**FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5 P.M. MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2010.
BOWIE CITY HALL, ROOM 203, 2614 KENHILL DRIVE, BOWIE, MD 20715
ATTN: HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST**

**HOLIDAY HOUSE
DECORATING CONTEST**

Judging Categories and Criteria

Entrants will select one of three categories:

***Traditional** (colored or white lights, children's fantasies, Santa Claus and friends, etc.)

***Religious** (of any denomination)

***Colonial** (candles in the windows, greenery, white lights, the Williamsburg look.)

Entries will be judged on the following:

- Creativity
- Appearance
- Effort

Contest Rules:

- Home must be located within the Bowie City limits. (Please check with us if you're not sure.)
- Contest is limited to what can be seen from the street side of the house at night.
- People or live animals are not allowed as part of the display.
- All participants are requested to keep their houses decorated through December 31st so the community may view and enjoy them.
- Entry deadline is Monday, December 13, 2010 at 5 p.m.
- **Judging is on Wednesday, December 15, during the hours of 6 to 11 p.m.** (Participants: please turn on displays by 6 p.m. so that the judges may evaluate each entry accordingly.)
- Winners will be notified by phone on Friday, December 17.
- Judges' decisions are final.
- Awards will be given at the Holiday Awards Reception on Monday, December 20, 2010 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. All contest entrants are invited to attend. Awards include four \$100 Family Awards, ten Best of Bowie Awards (White House ornaments), and ten Bowie Spirit Awards (Belair Mansion ornaments). *For more information, please call City Hall at 301-809-3011.*

Top Gardens Honored

The lovely yard of Mrs. Marty Gigger captured the top award as *2010 Distinguished Yard* at the 15th Annual City of Bowie Beautification Awards held at the Bowie Senior Center. The event was once again cosponsored by the Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton. Thanks to all the nominees, whose hard work and creativity have helped make Bowie a more beautiful and pleasant place to live, and to the sponsors who provided prizes and decorations for the program. This year's sponsors were Frank's Garden Center and Patuxent Nursery. Congratulations to all of this year's award recipients identified to the right.

Winners	Award
Marty Gigger John Bednarczyk Jim and Ginna Galentine Patricia Lopes Patricia Yeager Francis Pelkey Cornerstone Assembly of God Jack Croft Maxine Brown Robert E. Evans Funeral Home Pam Fleming Richard Oliver Patricia Rauch Margaret Reid Rochelle Buckley Dorothy Campbell Heather Dunahoo Mary and Ed Haraway	<i>2010 Distinguished Yard Award</i> <i>All-Star Garden</i> <i>All-Star Garden</i> <i>All-Star Garden</i> <i>Distinguished Back Yard</i> <i>Distinguished Front and Side Yard</i> <i>Distinguished School</i> <i>Distinguished Wildlife Habitat</i> <i>1-Star Maintenance</i> <i>1-Star Maintenance</i> <i>1-Star Maintenance</i> <i>1-Star Maintenance</i> <i>1-Star Maintenance</i> <i>1-Star Maintenance</i> <i>2-Star Maintenance</i> <i>2-Star Maintenance</i> <i>2-Star Maintenance</i> <i>2-Star Maintenance</i>

Bowie Playhouse

Presents



SOMETHING'S AFOOT -- 11/5 - 12/5

“Who Dunnit?” A wealthy Englishman Lord Dudley Rancour invites a group of people to his lake estate, but, alas, Rancour is murdered, and the guests find themselves trying to discover who the culprit is. One by one they are killed in mysterious (and hilarious) ways as they try to discover the murderer’s identity. The situation is complicated by a raging thunderstorm, rising floodwaters, power failures and suspicious behaviors. “Something’s Afoot” is a murder mystery musical that spoofs detective stories, especially Agatha Christie’s “And Then There Were None.” *Produced by 2nd Star Productions. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Matinees are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. For tickets, call 410-757-5700 or 301-832-4819.*

THE Odd Couple -- 12/10 - 12/19

Prince George’s Little Theatre’s production of “The Odd Couple” is a play by Neil Simon about two terribly mismatched roommates, one neat and uptight and the other easygoing and a slob, but with a twist. In Simon’s original play and in the later popular television series the mismatched roommates are male, but this production is about two female roommates. Instead of poker playing, there’s a night of Trivial Pursuit game playing. *Produced by Prince George’s Little Theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays. For tickets, call 301-937-7458.*



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

Holiday Events at City Museums

The City of Bowie Museums offer lots of opportunities to celebrate the Holiday Season.

Starting with Trainspotting Day on November 28, all museum sites offer tours, activities, teas and “kid stuff” for the season. Join Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Bowie railroad caboose as interesting trains whizz by, enjoy the “decked” halls of Belair Mansion and Stable Museum by candlelight or at tea, giggle at holiday TV programs from the past at the Radio Museum.

Holiday traditions – be they family, religious, school or City – abound in Bowie. As our community becomes more diverse, the richness of ALL these traditions expands. Bowie is a fun place to be for the holidays – a family place. Sample the past, present – and maybe even future – make a visit to one of Bowie’s Museums a holiday tradition for your season! Our holiday calendar of events is here in the *Spotlight*, but be sure to check the City’s webpage - www.cityofbowie.org - for “late-breaking” additions during the holiday season!

Stream Cleanup Results

On Saturday, October 2, 2010, the City held its most recent stream cleanup....number six! Volunteer Stream Teams and their tireless leaders cleaned four different areas this time – Saddlebrook Branch in Saddlebrook, Green Branch in Heather Hills, Millstream Branch in Meadowbrook, and Middle Collington Branch in Pointer Ridge. In all, 171 volunteers joined in the effort and removed more than 2,000 pounds of trash and recycling. As usual, here are some of the stranger things we found: another television (remember the one from the spring?), a cell phone, a chainlink fence, a huge square piece of foam, and a hot water heater.

Our streams seem to be staying cleaner, as evidenced by the decreased numbers from our spring 2010 cleanup. In fact, we will not be cleaning Saddlebrook or Pointer Ridge in our April 2011 cleanup since they’re in good shape! Now we can start working on more new streams. We’d like to add your neighborhood but need leaders! If you’re interested in helping clean streams in April or if you’re interested in serving as a volunteer Stream Team Leader, contact Tiffany Wright in the City’s Planning Department at 301-809-3043 or twright@cityofbowie.org. Prince George’s County Public School students can receive service learning hours for participating. We hope to see you all in the spring!!

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News of the City Museums - Mark Your Calendar continued:

Santa’s Big Broadcast at the Radio and Television Museum
Saturday, December 11, 1 - 5 p.m. Truly a chance to “step back” for the holidays – enjoy heritage holiday TV and radio programs! Free.

Stocking Stuffer Day at Belair Mansion Gift Shop
Sunday, December 19, 12 - 4 p.m. Enjoy cider and cookies – and 20% off all purchases as you shop for last minute goodies.

Winter Wonderland Tea at Belair Mansion
Wednesday, December 29, 4 p.m. Hosting out of town guests...or simply relaxing after the holiday? Enjoy an elegant tea in the decorated Mansion. \$24 per person. Advance reservation and payment required.

Kringle Kaboose
Thursday, December 30, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Holiday train fun at the museum for ages 1-11. Games, stories and trainspotting! Free.

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

News of the City Museums



Mark Your Calendar

Annual History Lecture Lunch "Loosely Leisure"

Monday, November 1, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Belair Mansion. The program explores ways our forefathers (and others) passed leisure time. Lunch included. Advance reservation and payment required by October 28, 2010. Fee \$50.

Brown Bag Lunch Lecture

Monday, November 8, 12 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Topic to be announced. Bring your lunch and enjoy a historical discussion. Free.

Second Tuesday Lecture

Tuesday, November 9, 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. In honor of Veteran's Day, Dr. Erick Nason will discuss Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Free.

Kids Kaboose

Thursday, November 18, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun and games for ages 1-11. Free.

Taste of the Past

Saturday, November 27, 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Enjoy samples of food from the past in Belair's 1930's kitchen. Free.

Trainspotting at the Bowie Railroad Museum

Sunday, November 28, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Bowie Train Station. Visit Santa and Mrs. Claus in the caboose as unusual trains whizz by on AMTRAK'S busiest day of the year. Donations to Toys4Tots accepted. Free.

Snowflake Tea at Belair Mansion

Saturday, December 4, 4 p.m. Begin the holiday season with an elegant tea at the Mansion! \$24 per person. Advance reservation and payment required.

Belair Mansion and Stable by Candlelight

Sunday, December 5, 4 - 7 p.m. at Belair Mansion and Stable. Enjoy traditional decorations from times past by candlelight. Free. Donations to Toys4Tots accepted.

KinderKristmas at Belair Mansion

Saturday, December 11, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Youngsters ages 4-11 are invited to enjoy holiday decorations, traditions, fun and games. Free. Donations to Toys4Tots accepted.

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

Election Transportation

The Center will offer transportation for Seniors (age 55+) and handicapped City residents who wish to vote on **November 2**. Call the Center at 301-809-2324 to schedule a pickup.

Veterans Day Salute

**Friday, November 5
12:30 p.m.**

A special program honoring veterans. Guest speaker, Steven Williams, Ph.D. will discuss the importance of remembering Korea, "The Forgotten War". Music provided by the Bowie Senior Chorale. All veterans attending, please RSVP by calling 301-809-2300. This event is open to the public.

Bowie Youth Chorus

**Thursday, December 2
7 p.m.**

The Bowie Youth Chorus will perform at the Center. The performance is free and open to the public.

Active Adult 55+

Holiday Bazaar

Friday, December 3, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

A welcome part of the holiday season! Members only can rent a table for \$5 - reserve by 11/24/10. Open to the public.

Bowie Senior Chorale Holiday Concerts

**Thursday, December 9 at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center
Wednesday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the
Bowie Center for the Performing Arts**

The theme for the concerts is *Weathering Winter*. Although there will be a few songs from previous concerts, most of the music is new including a rendition of "A Child is Born" arranged by Director Craig Sparks. Donations for the Bowie Pantry will be accepted at the December 9 performance. Tickets for the December 15 performance are \$5 per person. Call the Center for more information.

Boogie Woogie Christmas

Monday, December 13, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The Charles County Senior Show Troupe will sing and dance, and bring tons of holiday cheer! The program is free and open to the public.

Senior Center Holiday Party

Friday, December 17, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Festive music for dancing and lunch. Register by December 7 at the Center. \$9 residents/\$10 nonresidents.

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

Veterans Day

Thursday, November 11, 2010
City Offices Closed. No Refuse
or Recycling Collection.

Thanksgiving Holiday

November 25 and 26, 2010
City Offices Closed. No Refuse
or Recycling Collection.

Christmas Holiday

Friday, December 24, 2010
City Offices Closed. No Refuse
or Recycling Collection.

New Year's Holiday

Friday, December 31, 2010
City Offices Closed. No Refuse
or Recycling Collection.

2011 City Holidays

New Year's	Friday	December 31, 2010
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday	January 17, 2011
Presidents Day	Monday	February 21, 2011
Memorial Day	Monday	May 30, 2011
Independence Day	Monday	July 4, 2011
Labor Day	Monday	September 5, 2011
Veterans Day	Friday	November 11, 2011
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 24, 2011
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday	November 25, 2011
Christmas	Monday	December 26, 2011

City offices will be closed on the dates listed above.
There will be no refuse or recycling services on these dates;
services will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.

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