

Bowie Spotlight

The Official Newsletter of the City of Bowie

September - October 2010

Travel Around the World with Music, Entertainment, Crafts and Food at the Bowie International Festival

Ever wondered why Chinese parades include a Chinese dragon? Come find out why and meet the people who make the dragon dance at the seventh annual Bowie International Festival on **Saturday, October 2** (Rain date Sunday, October 3) from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Allen Pond Park and see an award winning Chinese dragon team from George Mason University.

Entertainment will be on two stages and, along with the Chinese dragon, includes the Martin Family's Irish step dancing, Pilekkar Estonian and Tinkus Jayas Bolivian folk dancing, Orquesta La Leyenda - a Latin dance band, Apollonia - a Greek band, and a performance on traditional African musical instruments by Grammy-nominated Cheick Hamala Diabate, and still more.

Dancing make you hungry? Try food from Thailand, India, the Caribbean, to name a few. And, of course, there's good old American food like pit beef barbecue, hot dogs, hamburgers and more. Finish your meal with a funnel cake, cotton candy, or Hawaiian ice. Looking for a present for someone or just for you, check out the arts and crafts vendors that will be selling jewelry, clothing, crafts and many other items representing a variety of countries and cultures.

Children take a trip around the world with the "passport" they pick up at the Information Booth in the park. As they visit and participate in the various activities, they can have the "passport" stamped and win small prizes for their travels. Children's activities include learning to dance and sing, playing games, hearing stories, and participating in arts and crafts activities from around the world. Children's entertainment includes a special performance of "Panda-monium," a Chinese circus puppet show with all the thrills, chills and excitement a circus brings.

There's so much to do at the International Festival. Come early and stay late! For further information, please go to www.cityof-bowie.org, (Click on Leisure Activities in the upper right-hand corner and scroll down to Special Events). You can also contact City Hall at 301-809-3011 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Beautification Awards

It's official! All of this year's entered yards have been judged, scores have been tallied, and the winners are...

Well, you'll just have to attend the City's Beautification Awards ceremony on **Thursday, September 23, 2010** at the Bowie Senior Center where the results will be revealed! A slide presentation and refreshments will begin at 7 p.m. and the awards presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The City would like to thank all those who beautified their yards this year and who chose to enter this wonderful City-wide program. For additional information, please contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

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Senior Citizen "Green" Housing Rehabilitation Program

The City Grants Office is offering a Senior Citizen "Green" Housing Rehabilitation Program to help seniors afford some of the repairs that their homes need. Senior citizens in the City have responded enthusiastically to the program over the last year and we are excited to announce that implementation has begun!

Ten applicants have had Home Energy Audits and their homes have been inspected for lead paint. They are now starting construction on their rehabilitation projects. The next set of twenty applicants has been preliminarily approved and has been scheduled to receive Home Energy Audits and Lead Based Paint Inspections so that they can be approved to start work soon.

For residents who have submitted completed applications but remain on the waiting list, the City is providing them the opportunity to get a jump-start. By completing their Home Energy Audits now, these residents will get reports detailing the energy efficiency of their homes and a prioritized list of projects they can implement to make their homes more energy efficient while saving money on their energy bills. Residents are then able to implement the recommended projects on their own or they have the option to update their application to the Senior Housing "Green" Rehabilitation Program to include one or more of the suggested projects.

The City Grants Office conducted three separate Home Energy Audit workshops for seniors on the waiting list at the Bowie Senior Center on July 7th, 8th, and 12th.

At this time, all program funds have been committed and we are NOT accepting new applications. A public notice will be published if we are able to begin accepting new applications.

The Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources

Animal Management Group cordially invites you to a

Community Open House

Saturday, September 18, 2010, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

at the new Animal Services Facility, located at

3750 Brown Station Road, Upper Marlboro, MD

The Open House will feature pet ownership seminars and workshops, pet adoptions, animal rescue groups, pet vendors, local veterinarians, and face painting! Fun for the whole family! Free admission. For more information, contact the Prince George's County Animal Management Group at 301-780-7200 or visit the website at <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/Government/AgencyIndex/DER/AMG>.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Programs

The City Grants Office is excited to announce that as a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the City has received a grant from the US Department of Energy and is working on ten projects to make the City a greener and more energy efficient place to live and work!

Solar Photovoltaic Systems will be installed at the Genealogy Library, Radio and TV Museum, and the soon-to-be constructed Church Road Park restroom and concession facilities. These systems will allow us to supplement the electricity purchased with clean solar energy! The City will install **Fuel Cells** in two police cars. The fuel cells will allow police officers to operate their electronic equipment without having to leave the car idling.

The City is installing **Energy Efficient Lighting** at the ballfields at Allen Pond Park. These lights will replace lights that are 35 years old and can no longer be repaired because parts are unavailable. Overall, the new lights will produce significant annual savings. The Senior Center is getting an upgrade too. We will **Replace the Insulation** and **Retrofit the Climate Control System**. Soon the temperature in the Senior Center will be more uniform and comfortable for those who use it. We are **Retrofitting the Mechanic's Office** at the Public Works facility to make it more energy efficient. By replacing the insulation and metal siding, we will be able to save money on energy costs and fix leaks in the building, making it a better place for our employees to work.

With the grant funds, the City is also enhancing its Senior Housing "Green" Rehabilitation Program (described on Page 2) by providing **Home Energy Audits** to senior citizens who have submitted completed applications but remain on the waiting list. The Home Energy Audits will provide the seniors with valuable information about their homes as they make decisions about improvements.

Finally, the City will conduct a **Recycling Pilot Program** in the Chapel Forge, Overbrook, Idlewild, Yorktown, Saddlebrook East and Victoria Heights neighborhoods. These residents will receive new 65-gallon recycling carts. The carts will make it easier for residents to recycle because they hold more material, have wheels to facilitate transport to the curb on pickup days, and have a lid to keep out weather and animals. To facilitate more efficient pickup of these new carts, the City will **Retrofit Two Recycling Trucks** with automatic hydraulic tippers. The goal of this pilot is to increase the recycling rate to 35%.

We are very excited about the Grant Program and all the improvements the ARRA funds will allow us to make throughout the City.

2010 Election Information

Primary Election: Tuesday, September 14, 2010 Polls Open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Early voting September 3 - 9, 2010 (with the exception of Sunday, September 5, 2010)

General Election: Tuesday, November 2, 2010 Polls Open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Early voting October 22 - 28, 2010 (with the exception of Sunday, October 24, 2010)

Early Voting Location: Bowie Library, 15210 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD 20715

For more information regarding offices up for election, polling places, absentee ballots, etc., please go to <http://www.co.pg.md.us/government/agencyindex/elections/index.asp>.



Art Notes

Art at City Hall For years, Art at City Hall has meant the four galleries the Arts Committee maintains: the Young Person’s Art Gallery, the City Hall Artist of the Month Gallery, the Conference Room Gallery and the Visions of Bowie Gallery. With the move to the new City Hall, the City plans to continue these types of art spaces and has also commissioned two pieces of public art for the new building.

It all began in December 2008, as plans were moving forward for the construction of the new City Hall building. The City’s Arts Committee was asked to assist in the selection of public art. A budget of \$185,000 came from monies the City Council had placed in the CIP (Capital Improvements Program) Public Art account over a period of five years. The Arts Committee established a Public Art Selection Panel to draft a Public Art Policy and select the kind of art work and the artist(s) who would design the piece or pieces. The Panel, through consultation with the City Hall architects, Grimm + Parker, chose to do public art pieces – a monumental sundial for the front plaza and a kinetic sculpture (mobile) to hang in the rear of the lobby.

Over 100 artists responded to the nationwide Call for Artists and submitted their resumes and photographs of past work. From these submissions, the Selection Panel chose six artists to interview, three for each project. The Panel chose a mobile designed by Kate Kaman and Joel Erland of Philadelphia, PA, and a monumental sundial designed by Gino and Judith Schiavone of Taos, NM. In January 2010, the City Council voted to approve the Selection Panel’s choices.

The sundial is a framed bronze vertical dial that will be held up approximately 10 feet above ground by steel columns. The dial will show hour lines on both sides and will face true north-south. There will be stone benches attached to the steel columns. The design also includes a large inlaid compass rose that will feature different color stone blocks.

The mobile, named “Triple Crown” by the artists, is made of three golden metal mesh flowers to represent Bowie’s uniqueness as the home of two Triple Crown horse race winners, Gallant Fox and Omaha, the only father and son horses that ever won the Triple Crown. In their design, Artists Kaman and Erland have used an artistic black-eyed Susan, Maryland’s State flower and the flower used on flower blankets presented to horses that win the Preakness. The two artworks will be installed early in 2011 in time for the opening of the new City Hall.

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

Young Person’s Art Gallery



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

September
Benjamin Tasker
Middle School

October
Northview
Elementary School

Education Grants Available

The City of Bowie supports education in a variety of ways. Among these is the funding provided for Grants for Education. Teachers, PTAs, PTOs, or individuals, may submit applications to fund projects developed to expand upon and enhance the learning experiences of students and/or to provide educational enrichment within eligible schools. (Please see Page 6, *Teachers of the Month* item for the list of eligible schools.) The application deadline for this school year's grant applications is **October 14, 2010**.

Details and applications have been sent to eligible schools and are available on the City's website - www.cityofbowie.org. For more information, please contact Leni Stern, Education Committee Liaison at lstern@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3068.

Internet Safety: Protecting Your Children On the Internet

Are you concerned about allowing your children to browse the Internet, even to do research projects for school? Many people have heard about dangerous situations out there, and want to know how to protect their children or grandchildren.

The Education Committee invites community members to attend a forum on the topic of Internet Safety for Children at City Hall on Wednesday, **October 27, 2010**, at 7 p.m in the Multipurpose Room. The forum will be presented by Marlene Trestman, Special Assistant to the Maryland Attorney General. Her presentation will assist you in accomplishing the task of keeping your children as safe as possible on the Internet. Registration is not required.

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

Support the Food Pantry at the Bowie International Festival

The Community Outreach Committee will hold a food drive to benefit people seeking assistance at the Bowie Food Pantry, at the Bowie International Festival on October 2 at Allen Pond Park. Please think about those in our community in need and bring one or more nonperishable items to donate, as you enjoy a fun-filled day traveling around the world, right here in Bowie!

Currently, the greatest need is for non-perishable food, although other items are also appreciated, such as toiletries (soap, toothpaste), paper goods, school supplies, and baby supplies (diapers and wipes).

Tax deductible contributions and grocery store gift cards are also a great way to donate, as these help to purchase needed items! Checks should be written to the Food Pantry and sent to their address below.

The Food Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund is located at 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 at City Hall and the Senior Center, for non-perishable food, paper goods and personal items. For more information, contact the Pantry at 301-262-6765 or BowieFoodPantry@gmail.com.

If you have questions about the Community Outreach Committee, please contact Leni Stern, Committee Staff Liaison at lstern@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3068.



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.

Alice Williams, Head Start Teacher at Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center, was the June 2010 Teacher of the Month.

Ms. Williams received two nominations, one from Eileen Rodriguez, another educator, and Paraprofessional Alicia Weeden, both of whom work with her at Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center. Both nominations describe this teacher as far more than a teacher of children. According to them, every "nook and cranny" of the classroom is available to students, who move from one center to another as they work on problem solving, investigating, exploring, ques-

tioning, language, literacy, math, technology, and numerous other possibilities. Through the strong leadership of this teacher, structure, routine and order are established, and children are prepared for the adventures and challenges ahead. She brings the best to the children and brings out the best in them. They benefit from her dedication, love and caring for the children and their families.

She works closely with parents, helping them to engage their children in activities at home, demonstrating tasks, using "manipulatives" and remaining positive. In addition, she "col-

laborates with her team mates," offering opinions, suggestions and modifications, and works to "enhance and expand on each others lessons for the benefit of the children."

According to Elyse Hurley, Principal at Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center, Ms. Williams is a "very talented educator who makes teaching look like it's second nature. Children enter her classroom, sometimes as young as three years old, and two years later they have all of the skills and confidence to begin kindergarten."

"Thank You!" Teacher of the Month Program Partners

The Teacher of the Month program has been supported by very generous donations from two program partners this year. BB&T Bank provides the funds for the \$100 Savings Bonds awarded to the teachers at their City Council recognition. And Main Street Catering prepares delicious lunches for each teacher and their principal!

The Education Committee would like to thank these program partners for caring about education and the hard-working, dedicated teachers in the local schools, and partnering with us to make this recognition special!

Trapping Animals is a Serious Matter

The outdoors is where wildlife belongs. Trapping and removing a wild animal from your backyard may be harmful to the animal and it usually does not solve the problem. If you observe groundhogs, rabbits, deer, raccoons, squirrels, or foxes, routinely in your yard, your yard is appealing to them. They are seeking their basic needs of food, shelter and water. If you believe trapping and relocating the animal will solve the problem, then you're probably mistaken. Unless you remove or restrict the attraction to your yard, trapping is simply removing one nuisance animal and creating room for another to move in.

A better recourse is to use "exclusionary methods", or animals will continue to find your yard an attractive place to visit or establish residence. Some exclusionary methods to keep wildlife from your property include: limiting sources of food in your yard including bird seed and animal feces; covering or closing holes in your walls and fences; and placing barriers around your garden or at the base of your shed.

Many residents think wildlife problems can be solved by trapping and relocating the animals with no harm to the animal. This is not true. Animals have territories with food sources, shelter and support systems. It is very difficult for them to survive if they are left unprotected from their familiar environment and placed in a strange one. They often become disoriented, unable to find food or safe hiding places, and become prey for the predators in the area.

During this past very hot summer, we became aware of several situations where individuals signing out traps failed to properly monitor the trap, causing us to be concerned about the humane treatment of the wildlife trapped. There are very strict regulations regarding wildlife trapping and the use of traps. People found misusing traps or harming wildlife can be fined and prosecuted.

Please contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002 or tdodge@cityofbowie.org with any questions or concerns regarding the trapping of animals.

Thank You for Donating to the Food Pantry!

The Community Outreach Committee (COC) would like to thank Bowie residents for their generous support of the Committee's efforts to collect food and other items for the Bowie Food Pantry. The need has been growing, as the number of people seeking assistance continues to rise. Your help, by donating food at the Sunday Sunset Concerts, is really appreciated!

***For more information, contact the Pantry at 301-262-6765 or BowieFoodPantry@gmail.com.
The Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry is located at the Christian Community Presbyterian Church (CCPC), 3120 Belair Drive, Bowie, MD 20715.***

Bowie Ice Arena



Group Lessons

Back to School Group Lessons will be held during the month of September. Classes are offered for children 18 months of age through adults, at all levels.

Registration for **Series 1 Group Lessons** will begin **September 25**. Classes will start in October. Classes for all ages and levels will be offered on Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings. If you are interested in being placed on the mailing list to receive the detailed schedule and registration information, please contact the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090 or crobertson@cityofbowie.org.

The annual **Halloween on Ice** party will be Saturday, **October 30** from 1-3 p.m. Anyone dressed in costume will receive free admission (bring a canned good for the Bowie Food Pantry for free admission also). There will be door prizes, a costume contest, treat bags and music.

Public Skating Sessions are offered daily. For a calendar of sessions, visit the website at www.cityofbowie.org. For more information on group or private lessons, public sessions, birthday parties, group rates, pickup hockey or pickup figure skating, please visit the website or call 301-809-3090.

\$5 Off Group Lesson Registration

(Must present coupon when registering.)

Bowie Ice Arena

Not valid with any other discount.

Coupon Expires October 2, 2010

2 for 1 Admission

(Skate Rental Fee is \$2.75/person.)

Bowie Ice Arena

Not valid with any other discount.

Not valid during DJ session.

Coupon expires October 31, 2010

Salute to America Concert

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

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

International Festival Sponsors

Sponsoring the Bowie International Festival at Allen Pond Park on October 2, 2010 is a wonderful opportunity for local businesses to have their name listed with a City activity that showcases the diversity and talents in and around our community. Last year's Festival drew an estimated crowd of 10,000. Names of sponsoring businesses will be mentioned in press releases, and listed on event programs and signs.

If you are a business owner, or work for a business that would be interested in being a sponsor of the Bowie International Festival, contact Special Events Coordinator Matt Corley at mcorley@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3078.

Bowie Budget in Brief

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Activity	Highlights of Adopted Budget
Revenues and Other Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City real property tax rate increased from \$.38 to \$.40 per \$100 of assessed value and business personal property tax rate increased from \$.95 to \$1.00 per \$100 of assessed value. • County tax rate in Bowie decreased by \$.047 due to the tax differential program. • State shared revenues down by 18 percent mostly due to the reduction in Highway User Revenue. • Federal Community Development Block Grant (\$163,400) provides grants to qualified seniors for home improvements and repairs.
Public Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire five new officers, bringing the total number of sworn police officers to 52. • Purchase five new police vehicles. • Conduct emergency management “tabletop” exercises with various community organizations. • Continue support for Bowie Volunteer Fire Department (\$125,500).
General Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major construction of the new City Hall shall be completed in January 2011, with a grand opening slated for March/April 2011. The total cost of the new City Hall is estimated at \$23.5 million, including the general contractor, architect and construction manager.
Community Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue \$8,000 support to Bowie Emergency Relief Fund and increase support to \$33,000 for Community Based Social Services provided through the Bowie Food Pantry. • Kenhill Drive facility will add three new positions as transitioning to the new City Hall begins. • Addition of one new part-time building maintenance worker at the Gymnasium. • In cooperation with the Prince George’s County Health Department, conduct a low-cost rabies shot clinic.
Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reserve one-half of the cost to install a synthetic turf ball field at Whitemarsh Park (\$550,000). • Construction of concession stand and restroom at Church Road Park (\$450,000). • Replacement of HVAC (\$230,000) and driveway (\$126,000) at Belair Mansion. • Roof replacements at Railroad Museum (\$30,000) and Harmel House (\$30,000).
Planning and Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50,000 in continued support for business incubator. • Eliminated one Senior Planner position and continued Watershed Manager position.
Public Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,110,000 for street resurfacing. • Construction of new Solid Waste Administration Facility (\$1,085,100) and energy conservation improvements at the Public Works Main Facility (\$353,500).
Water and Sewer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water rate increased \$.17 and sewer rate increased \$.24 per thousand gallons. • Improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant totaling \$3,755,200 are funded by \$2,372,200 in State grants and \$1,347,700 in State loans.

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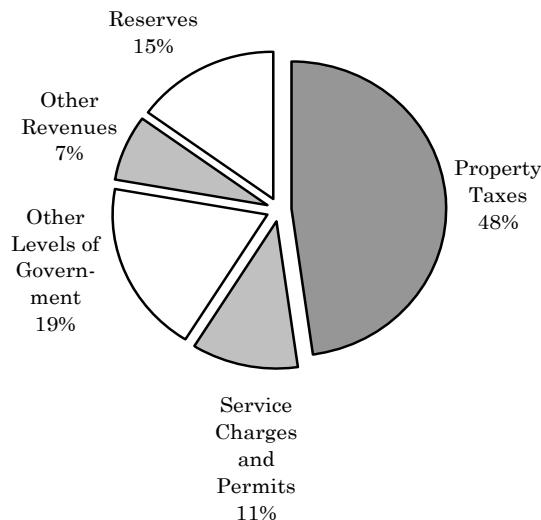
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The Big Picture

For the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, City Council authorized \$61,655,700 in total spending from all funds. This number includes some amounts that are simply transferred from one fund to another. Governments use fund accounting to keep different types of revenue and expenditures separate from each other.

Excluding transfers, the total is \$56,175,700 compared to last year's total of \$84,085,800. The \$27.9 million decrease reflects a reduction in the cost of capital projects scheduled for FY 2011 as compared to the previous year.

Where the Dollars Come From



Property Taxes include both real property tax and business personal property tax. City Council sets the tax rates each year as part of the budget process, while the State Department of Assessments and Taxation determines the value of property to be taxed. This year's real property tax rate increased by \$.02 to \$.40 per

\$100 of assessed value and the business personal property tax rate increased by \$.05 to \$1.00 per \$100 of assessed value.

The majority of revenue from **Other Levels of Government** consists of the City's share of State income and motor vehicle taxes. It also includes State grants for youth services and police protection, federal grants for urban development, County rebate of part of the landfill fees paid by the City, and many other smaller amounts. It also includes capital grants such as the State Program Open Space allocation.

Service Charges and Permits include such items as building permits, park use fees, and Ice Arena revenues. However, the majority of this revenue refers to water and sewer charges. These charges are paid only by customers of the City of Bowie Water and Sewer System and are used only for costs of operating and maintaining that system. This year's water rates increased from \$2.84 to \$3.01 per thousand gallons, and the sewer surcharge increased from \$4.06 to \$4.30 per thousand gallons.

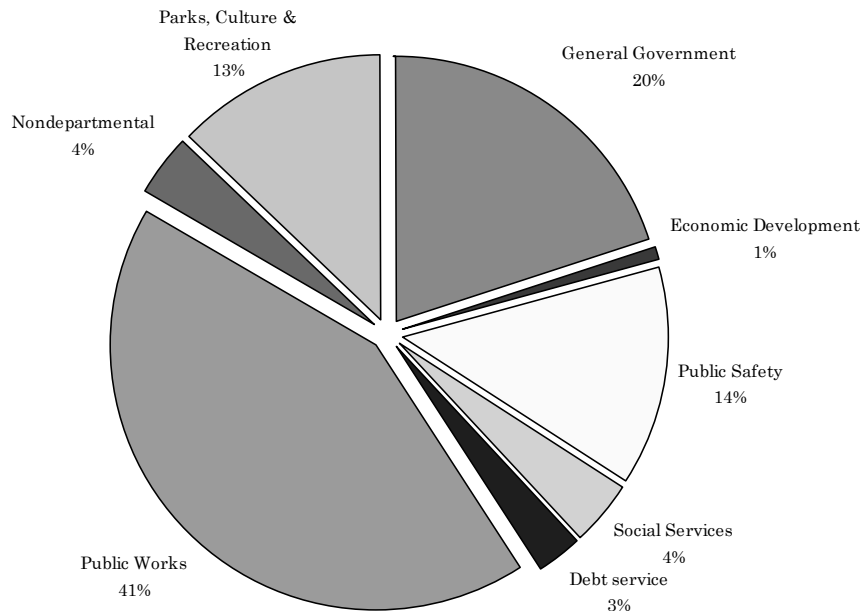
Other Revenues include interest earnings, rents, donations, sales of recyclable materials, the CATV franchise fee, and other miscellaneous items not classified elsewhere.

Reserves being used to provide funding for the current Budget have accumulated over all years of the City's existence, when revenues have exceeded expenditures. In any year, a surplus can occur from unexpected windfall revenues; from a level of expenditures less than budgeted, such as when projects are canceled or delayed; or from funds that have been reserved for a special purpose.

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Where the Dollars are Spent



General Government includes those functions that relate to the overall business of government: City Council, City Clerk, elections, legal services, public information, planning, etc. It includes administrative functions such as human resources, finance, information technology, maintenance and security of public buildings and grounds.

Economic Development involves efforts to improve the City's business climate. **Public Safety** includes police services, municipal Code compliance, animal control, and support for the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department. **Social Services** include both the Senior Center and the Youth Services Bureau.

Public Works includes trash collection and disposal, street maintenance and snow removal, storm water control and maintenance of vehicles and mobile equipment for all City departments. It also includes the Water and Wastewater Plants, which serve users of the City of Bowie Water and Sewer System, and are funded only

by water and sewer service charges.

Parks, Culture and Recreation includes the City's parks, ball fields and recreational buildings such as the Ice Arena, Bowie Playhouse, and Gymnasium. It also includes coordination of City celebrations and special events, planning and scheduling of recreational offerings, restoration of historic buildings, operation of all City museums, as well as a contribution to support operations at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts.

The term "**Nondepartmental**" refers to those annual costs that benefit all other City functions. Such items as liability and property insurance and allowances for unexpected contingencies are budgeted under this description, rather than being allocated among the operating departments.

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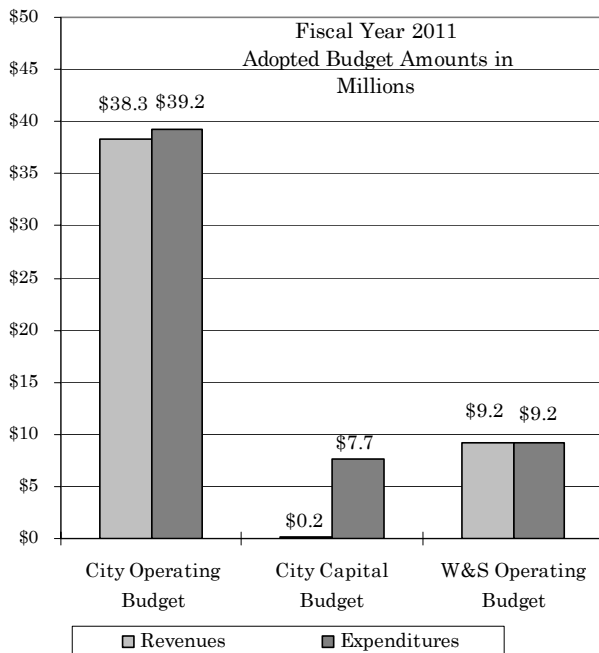
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The Budget Process

During the period of January through mid-April 2010, the City Manager and staff prepared the FY 2011 Proposed Budget, taking into account various master plans, Council policy statements, long-term studies, user group requests, volunteer committee recommendations, and staff observations in the field.

Council held five budget worksessions and two public hearings during April and May. The FY 2011 Adopted Budget Ordinance and the companion Capital Improvements Program Resolution were passed on May 17, 2010. The Budget is effective for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

Operating Budget vs. Capital Budget



Note: Differences between expenditures and revenues are to be funded using reserves accumulated in prior years.

The Operating Budget covers day-to-day delivery of City services. It provides for the hours worked by City employees, contract services by non-employees, supplies, minor equipment and other operating costs. In the graph, it also includes the cost of vehicles, other operating equipment and annual debt service requirements.

The Capital Budget is for the improvement, construction or purchase of major City assets such as buildings, parks, roads or trails. The City uses a six-year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to prioritize and plan for these major projects. The current year's portion of the CIP amounts to \$7,721,300.

Operating Budget Detail

Staffing - The approved budget provides for 346.6 full-time equivalent positions (FTEs). One FTE is equal to one or more employees working a total of 2,080 hours (or 1,950 hours, depending on the job classification.) The work hours are budgeted in the General Fund (316.4 FTE) or the Water and Sewer Fund (30.2 FTE).

Types of Expenditures - The General Fund is the largest and most important fund, because it accounts for the delivery of basic municipal services and receives all general-purpose City revenues. General Fund budget expenditures are summarized here by object of expenditure.

Object	Amount	Percent
Salaries & Wages	\$23,041,800	56%
Contractual Services	8,454,200	20%
Commodities	2,811,100	7%
Other Charges	1,000,700	2%
Capital Outlay	42,500	--
Debt Service	1,337,100	3%
Transfers	5,115,700	12%
Total	\$41,803,100	100%

Budget Document

The City's detailed Budget is available online at the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org.

City's Improved Picnic Reservation Process

In past years, residents have been required to rise early on the first Saturday in February each year in order to place a reservation for their favorite picnic site and date in City parks, some arriving as early as 4 a.m.

Say goodbye to having to rise before the sun is up in the dead of winter, as the City has modified its Picnic Reservation Process (effective February 8, 2010) which offers residents an improved chance at reserving their favorite picnic site and date each year. The picnic reservation process now allows resident picnic reservations to be placed up to one year in advance of the picnic date and nonresident picnic reservations to be placed up to six months in advance of the picnic date.

So don't delay if you plan to host a picnic in either Allen Pond Park or Whitemarsh Park next summer, come to City Hall now and place that reservation. Reservations are accepted in person at Bowie City Hall Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For specific rental information and to check availability, visit the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org or call 301-809-3011.

A Picnic in the Park, What a Great Idea!

With the heat of the summer winding down, early fall is a wonderful time to hold a gathering for family or friends at one of our picnic sites in Allen Pond and Whitemarsh Parks.

The City offers three premier picnic sites that offer a covered site to keep you dry in the event of inclement weather. In Allen Pond Park the East Pavilion and West Pavilion each accommodates up to 80 persons, and there are also several smaller Group Areas that provide space for groups with 32-48 guests. Whitemarsh Park offers a large Pavilion that provides space for a group of up to 150 guests. The Pavilion sites are covered picnic sites, while Group Areas are non-covered picnic sites that are shaded by mature trees. All of the group and pavilion picnic sites have grills and tables; you just need to bring the food and fun!

Resident picnic reservations may be placed up to one year in advance of the picnic date and nonresident picnic reservations may be placed up to six months in advance of the picnic date. Reservations are accepted in person at City Hall Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For specific rental information and to check availability, visit the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org or call 301-809-3011.

Bowie Farmer's Market

The Bowie Farmer's Market is in full swing! Patrons will find various types of fresh fruits and vegetables, breads and baked goods, jams and jellies, salsa, herbs, fresh cut flowers and bedding plants.

The Farmer's Market is open **Sundays, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**, through October 31, 2010. The Market is held next to the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts at 15200 Annapolis Road.

A full-color market brochure is available online at www.cityofbowie.org or at City Hall. For more information, please call 301-809-3078.

Upcoming Special Events

September 19 "Farm Days"

Visit the farm animals petting zoo, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

October 24 "Octoberfest"

Free scarecrow making (participants supply a long-sleeved shirt and trousers). Free pumpkin painting (pumpkins available for purchase at market). Live music. Activities begin at 10 a.m.



Bowie Youth & Family Services

301-809-3033

Bowie Youth & Family Services offers counseling services to families with children in the home who are under 18 years old. Groups are offered on a variety of topics including social skills for children, helping your child cope during separation and divorce, support for teen moms and their babies, parenting skill-building, and strengthening coping skills for parents of and kids with ADHD. Staff are professional and experienced family counselors. 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 over the phone or in person. Appointments are held in the office on a once a week basis at a time determined between you and your counselor. Please call **301-809-3033** for more information or to begin the intake process.

Group Offerings

The following groups are being planned. 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.

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

Teen Job Bank

Teens between 13 and 18 years of age are critically needed to help residents with jobs like babysitting, snow shoveling, lawn and yard work, and housework. Costs and fees are arranged between the teen and resident requesting the service. If you are a teen or know a teen who may be interested, please let them know of this opportunity. Please go to the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org, to download the required forms, or call 301-809-3033 for forms to be mailed.

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**.

Mentoring Makes a Difference at Bowie High School

This year marks the beginning of the ninth successful year for the Teen Mentoring Program at Bowie High School. Our mentors and students are a fantastic group of volunteers who are making a difference in each others lives. The recruitment and preparation process for the upcoming program year is in full swing and mentors are needed. Student participation is increasing and they need you to consider serving as a mentor to an incoming ninth grade student. You may be surprised to find that your contribution of time and caring significantly impacts your life as well as the success of a local teen.

Here are comments shared by students at our year-end luncheon in May:

Student, female, age 16, "I love everything about the program. It has been great to have someone to talk to. Having a mentor has helped my academic performance, my grades, and has helped me find and set goals. It helped me to open up more to people. My future is looking better now that I am in the program."

Student, male, age 15, "I liked spending time with my mentor. We talked about all kinds of things... getting on track with my studies, going out for sports, and even learning Japanese. I'd say everything about the program was cool, the only improvement I'd like to see is more students being matched."

As a mentor, you can make a big difference in the life of a teen; create a valuable relationship; provide support and offer encouragement; share wisdom and experience; and help a teen achieve goals and support school success.

We welcome you as a mentor if you are willing to make a commitment to a teen for the academic year; meet weekly with a teen; participate in mentor training; and agree to security screening and fingerprinting.

For information and to apply, see the City's website, www.cityof-bowie.org or contact Rhonda Simon, Program Coordinator at mentor@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3033, or call Andra Berry, Prevention Coordinator at 301-809-3080.

The Teen Mentoring Program evolved under the Bowie Prevention Network, and is made available through the City of Bowie Youth & Family Services in cooperation with Bowie High School. **"Imagine an Hour that Impacts a Lifetime, Imagine Mentoring."**

Become a Certified Bowie Environmental Steward

The City has created a program to allow households in Bowie to become certified Environmental Stewards. This new program is an educational opportunity for families to work together to invest in protecting and preserving the environment for generations to follow.

The program involves filling out a workbook and then entering your responses online. Don't expect to answer all the questions on your first visit. Simply print out the answer sheet on pages 5 and 6 of the workbook and revisit the website as often as you like. Visit www.cityofbowie.org and click on Green Bowie. On the Green Bowie webpage, click on Environmental Stewardship Self Certification and then Workbook for Households. Here's a shortcut: http://www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie/Envir_Stewardship_Workbook.pdf.

Take time as a family to visit the websites recommended in the workbook for additional information about how to protect and preserve the environment. Once you've completed the workbook and achieved 150 out of a possible 800 points, you can enter your workbook answers in an online survey and print a certificate acknowledging your achievement. Your answers will help the City refine its environmental community outreach programs.

Important Thoughts on Ash Trees in Bowie

I'm sure many of you have heard of the alert concerning the arrival in the last decade of the invasive insect known as the Emerald Ash Borer to our region. And you have probably seen some weird looking purple box-like structures (State of MD sampling traps) hung in ash trees throughout the City. This alert remains and continues to determine the need for the quarantine in Prince George's and Charles Counties prohibiting the movement of any wood products across county lines. This is an effort by the State of Maryland to contain and eradicate this pest that destroys the ash trees in our area. So, here are some of the important things to know regarding this bad bug:

- It is not a native insect. It has mistakenly been imported from Asia with overseas shipments to the U.S. and Canada.
- So far, its one destructive target here in North America has been the highly valued ash trees (millions of them)!
- This bug came to our area in Maryland on an illegal shipment of ash trees from already-infested Michigan.
- Once found, a huge program was instituted by the State of Maryland to control the spread of this infestation by way of tree removals, monitoring, and quarantining affected areas such as ours, which continues today.
- While ash trees already had many insect and disease issues, this problem is the worst of all.

To identify the borer and its lifecycle, please note: The adult beetles are bright green and are active in and around June - July, depending on weather conditions. They feed on the foliage of the tree. The females lay 60-90 eggs during this period which hatch in 7-10 days and quickly become larvae, chew through bark, and then tunnel under the bark all throughout the infested area. At first, this puts the tree under stress, but soon, cuts off the flow of water and nutrients which kills the tree. This process may take anywhere from two - four years. These tunnels or "galleries" can easily be seen when the loose bark is removed. This feeding and damage to the tree is completed in the fall and the pupae overwinter there. In or around April - May, the adults emerge through a D-shaped hole that is very distinct, and the cycle begins again.

Additional information can be found at www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/eab/ and www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/eab. If you are interested, we have informational flyers available as well. If you suspect that this pest is invading your property, I would be happy to inspect the site. Hoping for the best - Rick Kellner, Community Forester, rkellner@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3061.

Bowie Health Fair

The annual Bowie Health Fair is scheduled for Saturday, **September 25, 2010** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Receive free or low cost health assessments and consultations at more than 40 screening stations and health activities, and visit more than 30 exhibitors on hand to provide services and information to residents of Bowie and the greater Bowie area. Services range from medical screenings including cholesterol and glucose testing, EKG's, glaucoma and vision tests, female (gynecological) exams, to alternative health care options including acupuncture and Reiki.

The event will also include a children's exercise/activity area and a stage with local performances by dance troupes and companies located in Bowie. Come enjoy the performances and participate in fitness workouts, Zumba Gold, Tai Chi, Yoga demonstrations and more!

The event takes place along Health Center Drive (across from the Bowie Town Center) in the following locations of the event co-sponsors: Bowie Gymnasium, Bowie Health Center, Bowie Physical Medicine Services, Bowie Senior Center, Dimensions Surgery Center, Prince George's County Fire and EMS Department Northview Station #816, and Summerville at Woodward Estates. Parking is available at these facilities and in the parking lot of the Bowie Town Center.

For more information, call 301-618-6123 or check the event blog <http://bowiehealthfair.blogspot.com>.

The Bowie Stream Cleanup Needs You!

Well, it's here again! You are cordially invited to participate in Bowie's 6th Stream Cleanup scheduled for Saturday, **October 2, 2010** at 9 a.m. Volunteers walk various City stream segments, gather litter and debris, and sort it into recyclables or trash. The five cleanups have seen 1,190 volunteers remove 8,485 pounds of trash, 7,240 pounds of recycling, and 4,700 pounds of scrap metal. Yes – that's over **10 tons** of junk, and yet there is always more to remove!

To make it easier for groups and families to plan in advance, cleanups will now be held on the first Saturday of April and October (except when it may conflict with Easter). As always, we will provide you with water and all supplies you will need, as well as some fun giveaways! You just need to have sturdy shoes or boots, long sleeves and a hat, and be willing to get in the stream corridors and clean! The cleanup will go forward rain or shine.

We encourage school classes, churches, civic groups, homeowners' associations, and businesses to work in their local streams or join us in a nearby one. Prince George's County students who volunteer could earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours. Adult volunteers and the parents/guardians of minor volunteers must sign a release form prior to doing any work. To sign up or for more information, visit www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie or contact the City's Watershed Manager, Tiffany Wright, at twright@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3043. If you need special accommodations, please let us know by Friday, September 10, 2010. We look forward to seeing you on October 2 (and in April 2011 and October 2011 and ... well, you get it)!!

Bowie Playhouse Presents



JAKE'S WOMEN -- 8/27 - 9/11

A comedy about modern relationships. Jake, a successful novelist, faces a marital crisis by daydreaming about the women in his life. Flashbacks and actual visits from the women make for some very funny takes on life. Directed by Charles W. Maloney. Produced by 2nd Star Productions. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and matinees are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Call 401-757-5700 or 301-832-4819 for reservations.

WHO DUNIT? -- 9/17 - 10/2

What happens when a famous mystery writer is murdered, goes to Heaven and discovers that not even Saint Michael knows who murdered him? The only answer is to send the writer back to earth to solve the crime or better yet, undo the crime by outwitting the murderer. Directed by Cynthia Bentley. Produced by Bowie Community Theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays. For reservations, contact 301-805-0219 or online at www.BCTheatre.com.

THE CEMETERY CLUB -- 10/8 - 10/23

A comedy about Jewish widows trying to cope with single life in Queens, New York. The club is so named because the women go as a group to visit their husbands' graves, and then visit their favorite deli. But one day one of them meets a widower and that changes things. Directed by Norma Ozur. Produced by Prince George's Little Theatre, Inc. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays. For reservations, call 301-937-7458.



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

News of the City Museums



Mark Your Calendar

Chocolate in Time - Brown Bag Lunch Lecture
Tuesday, September 7, 12 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Bring your lunch, coffee (and chocolate) provided! Free.

Civil War on the Home Front
Saturday, September 11, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. The Atlantic Guard Soldiers Aid Society returns for their annual visit to interpret life on the home front during the Civil War. Free.

Chesapeake Families - Second Tuesday Lecture Series
Tuesday, September 14, 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Dr. Jean Russo, pre-eminent Maryland historian, will discuss the families and family trees of some of the most famous residents of the Chesapeake region. Free.

Kids Kaboose
Thursdays, September 16 and October 21, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Fun and trainwatching for ages 1-11. Free.

Rosenwald Schools in Maryland
Thursday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Historian Susan Pearl will discuss Rosenwald Schools, an important segment of African American education in Maryland and the United States. Free.

Campfire Stories with the Park Rangers
Saturdays, September 25 at 7:30 p.m., and October 23 at 7 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Enjoy stories and tall tales by firelight in the Mansion Garden! Free.

Christmas Countdown at the Museum Shop
Saturday and Sunday, September 25-26, 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Only 90 days til Christmas! Enjoy an early shopping spree – 20% off everything!

Annapolis Houses - Brown Bag Lunch Lecture
Monday, October 4, 12 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Bring your lunch and enjoy looking back at the past. Coffee/tea provided. Free.

A Look at the Star Spangled Geo-Trail - Second Tuesday Lecture Series
Tuesday, October 12, 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Learn about the Star Spangled Geo-Trail, a series of geo-caches uniting more than 30 sites comprising the landscape of the Chesapeake Campaign of the War of 1812. Free.

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

Museum Hours of Operation

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

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

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

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

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

**Radio and Television
 Museum,** Fridays 10 a.m.
 - 5 p.m., Saturdays and
 Sundays 1 - 5 p.m., 2608
 Mitchellville Road. Free.
*To contact this Museum,
 call 301-390-1020.*

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

Senior Services Overview

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

Show Your Artwork

For over ten years the Center has provided an opportunity for artists to show their work. The benefit to the Center has been monthly beautiful art displays which have added much warmth and enjoyment to our halls. If you are interested in showing, please contact Kathy White at the Center.

Students/Teachers

Meet and Greet Social

**Thursday, September 2
10 - 11:30 a.m.**

Senior Center members are invited to take an advance peek at the upcoming fall session. Instructors will be on hand to answer questions about the wide range of classes offered. The Center offers over 75 dynamic classes each week. For registration information, contact the Center.

Active Adult 55+

Candlelight Stretch and Tea

**Thursday, September 9
6 p.m.**

Yes, you read that right - the Senior Center is hosting a candlelight "time-out" for adults to rejuvenate their body, mind and spirit. Come join us for a one-hour program that will introduce you to a variety of simple relaxation techniques (wear some relaxed clothing so you can move easily). It will end with candlelight, conversation and chamomile tea. Kindly register by calling the Center.

Health Awareness Presentation

**Thursday, September 30
10:30 a.m.**

Doctor Vemuri, a fellowship-trained orthopedic spine surgeon with advanced training and interest in minimally invasive and motion sparing surgery of the spine and interventional pain management, will speak on spine health, disorders, and treatments.

Influenza Shots

**Friday, October 1
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

MedStar VNA Health Care will provide regular flu shots. The charge is \$30 with exceptions. There is no charge for Medicare Part B participants, except HMO users. If you have an HMO, you will incur the charge for the shot at the Center.

Bowie Senior Center, 14900 Health Center Drive

301-809-2300, www.bowieseniorcenter.org

Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Friday,
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.;

and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Single Stream Recycling - Full Speed Ahead With 65 Gallon Carts

By now, we hope you know all about single stream recycling and how much easier it is for everyone to recycle. All materials – glass, metal and aluminum cans, all types of plastics, papers, newspapers, catalogs, junk mail, cardboard, telephone and paperback books may be placed in one container for weekly pickup. You may use any container – even a full-size trash can – marked **Recycling** (not more than 50 lbs. full) to hold your recycling and place at the curb by 7 a.m. on your scheduled day.

Did you know that when you recycle these items, instead of trashing them, you save yourself (the taxpayers of Bowie) a minimum of \$54 per ton? In 2009, the City paid for over 22,000 tons of trash to be landfilled. That is 44 million pounds of trash or over \$1,144,000 of taxpayer dollars.

In an effort to increase recycling and lower landfill costs, the City will begin a pilot program this fall in six sections of the City that is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy using stimulus funds. These six sections will be issued 65 gallon, wheeled recycling carts with lids and instructions on their care and use. After studying various jurisdictions that have supplied residents with these large carts, and utilizing single stream recycling, it has been determined that they greatly increase recycling rates by making it much easier for residents to recycle. Some areas have reported 100% increase in the amount of tonnage recycled. In 2009, City residents recycled just under 3,500 tons – it would benefit everyone and the environment to see that increase to 7,000 tons.

Hopefully, with the expected success of the pilot program, we will be able to supply all residents of the City with these larger, more convenient recycling carts. Recycling benefits everyone in so many ways – financial and environmental! For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.