

# Bowie Spotlight

The Official Newsletter of the City of Bowie

September - October 2011

## Vintage Baseball Comes to Bowie

It's "root, root, root for the home team" every time the Bowie Baysox take the field – at home or away. The Baysox represent Bowie's present day connection with America's national sport but Bowie's baseball history goes back long before the Baysox.

Sandlot baseball has always been an important part of our "recreational history". Teams formed in Huntington in the 1930's and 40's; competition was stiff and friendly! Blacksox Park in Mitchellville was the home of the Mitchellville Tigers and the Washington Blacksox, two local African American teams. Other African American teams throughout the County, including the Brentwood Flashes, Brandywine A.C.'s, Glenarden Braves, the Oxon Hill Aztecs and the Laurel All-Stars, brought excitement to the area. Today, the 70-acre Blacksox Park and its five fields, dedicated in 1996, are a constant reminder of our baseball heritage.

On Sunday, **September 25**, join the City Museums to celebrate this important aspect of Bowie's history. Bats will crack, bases will be run, outs will be called – and maybe peanuts will be eaten – at Huntington South Field, 13299 11th Street, on Rt. 564 at 2 p.m. The Chesapeake and Potomac Base Ball Club will recreate the style of play enjoyed in the late 19th century. "Ballists," as they were called, will be wearing old-style uniforms and will be using equipment and rules from the period. Some fun facts: Most ballists played with bare hands until the mid-1880's. 1886 was the first year a pitcher could deliver the ball with one foot off the ground.

Come compare the differences between then and now. Don't miss a fun afternoon for all ages. Recreate the days when the greatest of American sports was becoming a true national pastime. Admission is free. No reservations are required. Seating is limited, so do bring a comfy lawn chair and enjoy. Fans may bring NON-ALCOHOLIC beverages. Peanuts will be available.

For more information, please contact the Museums Office at 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

## 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 11, 2011** from 7 – 8 p.m. The Salute to America Concert will feature the United States Naval Academy Concert Band. We will honor and salute members of the Armed Forces both past and present. We will also remember those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on Washington, DC and New York City, and the brave Americans who did not go without a fight in Pennsylvania ten years ago.

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 [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3078.

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## Beautification Awards

The *Bowie Spotlight* is published by the City of Bowie six times a year.

Comments or questions regarding the content or form of the newsletter should be directed to the Public Information Office at 301-809-3040.

The City's TTY number is 301-262-5013.

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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 22, 2011** 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 thanks all of the participants who beautified their residences, businesses and schools in the past and looks forward to continuing this program in the future.

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

## Document Shredding and Styrofoam Recycling Event

Saturday, September 10, 2011

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bowie High School

15200 Annapolis Road



Shred sensitive documents and recycle expanded polystyrene (styrofoam) at this FREE event! Only block-packaging styrofoam material will be accepted - no cups, plates, clamshells or egg crates.

For more information, contact the City of Bowie Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.

## Bowie International Festival

**October 1, 2011**

Come share in the music, food, arts and crafts, and children's activities that are part of the City's International Festival. Held every year on the first Saturday of October, this year October 1, 2011, the International Festival is an exciting, diverse look at many of the cultures that can be found in the metro area.

What do a Chinese dragon, a Gypsy dancer, an African drummer and a Celtic fiddler have in common? All four groups and many more will be part of the entertainment at the festival at Allen Pond Park, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There's also Bolivian and Indonesian dancers, Estonian and German dancers and a Latin salsa band, Orquesta La Leyenda.

Children can learn about people and animals from other countries as they "travel" the many children's activities planned for the day. Along the way, they can have their "passports", available at the Information Booth, stamped just as if they were traveling the different countries.

Try foods from different countries and check out the arts and crafts vendors who will be selling clothing, jewelry, crafts, and many other items.

In its eighth year, the Bowie International Festival is a great way to get to know your neighbors from around the globe. Join us for a day of celebration and exploration.

For further information, check the City's webpage - [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) - or contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

## Support the Food Pantry at the Bowie International Festival

The Community Outreach Committee and the Bowie Food Pantry will be at the International Festival on October 1st at Allen Pond Park looking for donations to feed the hungry. 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 nonperishable food, although other items are also appreciated, such as toiletries (soap, toothpaste), paper goods, 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 behind 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 the Kenhill Center, Bowie Municipal Gym and the Senior Center, for nonperishable food, paper goods and personal items. For more information, contact the Pantry at [BowieFoodPantry@gmail.com](mailto:BowieFoodPantry@gmail.com) or 301-262-6765.

If you have questions about the Community Outreach Committee or would like to volunteer to assist with food collection at our booth at the International Festival, please contact Dale Grant at [dgrant2@juno.com](mailto:dgrant2@juno.com).

A big THANK YOU to all who have contributed food and/or money throughout the year to support this worthy cause.

## Bowie Youth Chorus

Sign-ups for the Bowie Youth Chorus will close Thursday, September 8. All youth, grades 5 - 8, who live in Bowie or attend Bowie schools, are invited to join this musical group directed by Eleanor Minor and Assistant Director Mary Ann Jenkins. The Chorus is expanding to include a high school group, Summit Singers. High school youth, grades 9-12, are invited to try out for this audition-only performing musical group.

Both groups will rehearse on Thursdays at the Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive. The Bowie Youth Chorus will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and the Summit Singers from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Registration is \$50 for Bowie residents and \$55 for non-Bowie residents. There will also be a costume fee for all students. The program starts on Thursday, August 25, for the Youth Chorus and auditions for the Summit Singers will begin at 7:30 p.m. the same day. All rehearsals will be held at the Kenhill Center.

Bowie Youth Chorus members can register in person at the Community Services Department at City Hall, 15601 Excalibur Road, or at the first three rehearsals, August 25, September 1 and September 8. There is no audition for the Youth Chorus.

High school students wishing to audition for Summit Singers will need to arrive at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 25, to sign up to audition that night. The audition will include singing a prepared song, testing in vocal exercises, and sight reading.

Questions? Contact Annette Esterheld, Arts Specialist, at 301-575-5601 or [aesterheld@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityofbowie.org).

## Art Notes

**Arts Grants** Applications for the City's Arts Committee Grants are due Monday, **October 31, 2011**. The arts grants support arts projects that involve community residents in an arts experience. The Committee is seeking individuals and/or groups, who will offer opportunities for Bowie's youth to participate in one or more arts activities. Use your imagination and creativity to develop a meaningful experience in an art form for young people. Applications may be found on the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

**Art Gallery News** The Arts Committee is pleased to announce the opening of its art gallery spaces at the new City Hall on the second floor. The first exhibit will be Belair-at-Bowie, celebrating the last 50 years of Bowie's history. This juried art show will run from mid-October through December 2011.

Artists are invited to bring one or at most two pieces for jurying on **Saturday, October 8**, to the new City Hall between 8:30 and 10 a.m. The work will be juried and items to be accepted will be hung by the Arts Committee. All artists will need to return to City Hall between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to sign paperwork or to pick up work that will not be included in the exhibit. Specific requirements for artwork submission can be found on the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

Later exhibits in the second floor galleries will also be juried by the Arts Committee. Plans are to hang the work for two months. Artists interested in having their work shown in the galleries need to read the Requirements for Exhibition that include filling out an application and submitting a portfolio representative of their work. Information will be available on the website.

A future gallery that will feature the work of young artists is planned for a first floor gallery.

***For more information, contact Arts Specialist Annette Esterheld at [aesterheld@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityofbowie.org) or 301-575-5601.***

## The State of Education in Bowie

Each year, the City's Education Committee holds an Education Forum highlighting topics of interest to the community. Individuals interested in education in the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) located in Bowie are invited to attend a forum at 7 p.m. on **Monday, October 24, 2011** in the Multipurpose Room at the Kenhill Center (2614 Kenhill Drive). Featured guests include Superintendent William R. Hite, Jr., Ed.D.; School Board Chairperson and District 5 Board member, Verjeana Jacobs, Esq.; and A. Duane Arbogast, Ed.D., Chief Academic Officer.

Questions will be answered by the presenters following the presentation. This is an excellent opportunity for teachers, parents, grandparents and other community members to hear about public school education in Bowie. All are invited to attend.

For additional information, please contact the Education Committee at 301-809-3013 or at [eedwards@cityofbowie.org](mailto:eedwards@cityofbowie.org).

## 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. The application deadline for this school year's grant applications is **October 13, 2011**.

Eligibility requirements and applications have been sent to schools and are available on the City's website at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org). For additional information, please contact the Grants for Education Chairperson, Steven Theodore, at [steven.theodore@comcast.net](mailto:steven.theodore@comcast.net).

## Education Paraprofessional Award

One Paraprofessional, who works with students in eligible schools located in Bowie, is selected to be honored each school year. For the purpose of this award, an Education Paraprofessional is an aide or other person who is not trained or hired as a teacher, but who works directly with children in a classroom or small group setting within a school.

### Marie Casbourne of Pointer Ridge Elementary School is the 2011 Paraprofessional Award Honoree.

In nominating Ms. Casbourne, her classroom teacher Sharon Scarselli wrote, "Ms. Casbourne has been assisting in the pre-K program for four years. Her love for children was evident and her willingness to assist in any way was obvious from the beginning. She arrives at school one hour early each day and often stays late to assist with planning. She completes her work ahead of time and takes the initiative to do additional tasks without being asked. She voluntarily takes hall and bus duty every day, assists other teachers and shares many of her own belongings from home. The children enjoy working with her and flourish with her assistance, approval and love. Her conscientious nature helps to make a difference in the life of every member of our pre-K class."

When informed of the selection Mary Stephenson, Principal at Pointer Ridge Elementary School, said "It is a pleasure to have Marie as a member of our family here at Pointer Ridge. She is extremely dedicated to the students, parents and staff. She has an excellent rapport with all. She arrives to school early and stays late if needed. She is always willing to lend a helping hand. Marie is working from the time she enters the building, from preparing for the students to helping with the school's arrival process. With her assistance, we know that our students will be prepared for the next grade level. I am extremely proud and excited for her recognition. She deserves it all. Kudos, Marie!"

Ms. Casbourne was honored by the City Council in April. She received a certificate of appreciation from the City and a gift certificate generously provided by the Texas Roadhouse in Bowie.



## Teachers of the Month



Throughout the year outstanding teachers in the Bowie community are nominated by parents, students, fellow teachers and principals to be considered for selection as a Teacher of the Month. Those selected are honored by the Bowie City Council and receive both a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond from BB&T Bank and a lunch with their Principal donated by Main Street Catering. For information on how you can nominate a deserving teacher, please consult the City's webpage at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

### Headstart Teacher Melinda Annadale of Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center is the January 2011 Teacher of the

**Month.** Melinda Annadale teaches some of the youngest children. Fellow teacher, Eileen Rodriguez, in her nomination said, "It is fun to be a visitor in Ms. Annadale's classroom. This talented teacher modifies literature to engage her young students through the use of foil pans, fabric, pictures and puppets. She blends multiple learning opportunities into a single activity seamlessly. One of her gifts is that she recognizes other people's talents and often makes suggestions that result in the expanding of horizons both her own and others." Principal Elyse Hurley tells us, "Ms. Annadale is a special educator in a co-taught Head Start classroom. She does a wonderful job of supporting her special education students with strategies that support their learning in the general education environment. One of the things that makes her classroom so special is the rapport between the special educator and the general educator in that classroom. They are truly a team. It is a model early childhood classroom."

### Judy Nabinger of Grace Christian School is the February

**2011 Teacher of the Month.** Great music teachers are a gift. Numerous studies have shown that students who are involved in musical performance often do better both in school and in their social interactions. Parents Janine Dolinka and Tonya Dorsey recognized excellence when they saw it in Grace Christian School's music teacher Judy Nabinger and nominated her for Teacher of the Month. They highlighted the many hours spent not only producing fine arts

performances but paying attention to the small details such as cool sun glasses for a rock star or oversized dollar bills for a millionaire in various shows. Her love of music is evident in her gentle but professional manner. She has "an uncanny ability to recognize what each of her students is capable of" and together they achieve great success. Principal Judy Bianco said, "She is an excellent music teacher at Grace Christian School. She not only fully instructs the students in music, but also puts together wonderful Christmas and spring music programs. She is also a master teacher who has helped mentor student teachers."

### Joanna Legg of Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center is the March 2011 Teacher of the Month.

Joanna Legg teaches 4-year-old children. In nominating Ms. Legg for this award, fellow teacher Eileen Rodriguez used the words "welcoming, reassuring, calm and positive". She went on to say that "Ms. Legg never settles for less than the best for her students and as a result they give their best." She builds music, art and motor activities into each day's lesson plan. She is hands-on and laughs with her students as she rewards them with positive phrases. Principal Elyse Hurley, provided the following quote, "Is there such thing as a perfect teacher? If so, Joanna fits that category. Everyone who works with students in her classroom, marvels at the way she can differentiate instruction for the very diverse students in her class. She individualizes her instruction so that each student is educated according to their needs. I think the one quality that makes Joanna stand out is her compassion and respect for her students. She uses every strategy she has to allow a student to be successful."



## *Teachers of the Month continued*



### **Emily Hogan of Whitehall Elementary School is the April**

**2011 Teacher of the Month.** Emily Hogan, who is a National Board certified teacher, teaches first grade. Ms. Hogan's nomination was written collaboratively by the teaching staff and a parent who serves as the school's PTA President. According to her nomination, Ms. Hogan writes fantastic thematic lessons – one memorable theme involved ice cream! The students completed the following, all involving ice cream: in Reading, students read books on ice cream; wrote about their favorite ice cream flavors and recipes on how to create ice cream sundaes; in Science, students made ice cream and discussed liquids and solids; in Social Studies, students researched the history of ice cream; and in Mathematics, students graphed their favorite ice cream flavors. According to both parents and other teachers alike, the students learned a lot about ice cream. Whitehall principal, Jerenz Campbell stated that this teacher "is an excellent educator that gives her all day in and day out. She understands how to reach young learners and always engages the parents and community members." Thank you, Ms. Hogan, for making learning fun, relevant, and interesting for our first grade students!

### **Christopher Taylor of Tulip Grove Elementary School is the**

**May 2011 Teacher of the Month.** Mr. Christopher Taylor teaches third grade. This special teacher received almost 20 nominations and some of the statements made were as follows: "most fabulous educator I've encountered in my 25+ years of teaching." - Judi Decker, Special Education Chairperson. "He will be remembered not only for his excellent teaching, but also for the connections he's made and the relationships he's

forged. He has earned the respect of his students, staff, parents, and of his principal. He has the heart of a teacher, I can think of no higher praise!" - Brian Baudoin, Principal. "...he exemplifies top notch characteristics of the skills and motivation we would like to see in all teachers." - Pamela McCoy, School Psychologist. Student nominations included comments like "he's very funny – he does a wacky dance to get kid's attention!" Another student wrote that "Mr. Taylor dresses up like a fake person to start fun assignments!" Finally, Tulip Grove's Principal also shared that "Mr. Taylor has had a successful year of teaching and has exceeded all expectations."

### **Patricia Kerner of Rockledge Elementary School is the June**

**2011 Teacher of the Month.** Patricia Kerner teaches fifth grade and serves as the Science Coordinator. Ms. Kerner has been teaching eight years in the County and five years at Rockledge Elementary School. A nomination submitted by a parent described Ms. Kerner as being "absolutely inspirational in an environment where this teacher is forced to sometimes be a psychologist, surrogate parent, and disciplinarian – which Ms. Kerner handles all in stride! Rockledge Principal, Ms. Pamela Landry, shared that "Ms. Kerner is an exceptional educator. She creates a classroom atmosphere where students are constantly involved and curious. They want to go the extra mile to know more, see more, and participate in exciting learning experiences. Ms. Kerner has the expertise to turn the most reluctant student into an avid reader. She is a well respected member of the Rockledge family and her students love her!"

### **"Thank You!" Teacher of the Month Program Partners**

This program has been supported by very generous donations from two program partners. BB&T Bank provides the funds for the \$100 Savings Bonds awarded. And Main Street Catering prepares delicious lunches for each teacher and their principal! The City extends its thanks to these program partners for caring about education and for partnering with us to make this recognition special!

## City Scholarship Program

Since 1997, the City has awarded Excellence in Education scholarships to over 63 students, all City residents, who maintained at least a 3.5 GPA.

The students attended the following schools (including the number of awardees): Bowie High School (16); Eleanor Roosevelt High School (15); Elizabeth Seton High School (7); Archbishop Spalding High School (6); DeMatha Catholic High School (5); St. Vincent Pallotti High School (2); Largo High School (1); Old Mill High School (1); Queen Anne High School (1); Riverdale High School (1); St. John's High School (1); St. Mary's High School (1); and Suitland High School (1). In this group there are 38 girls and 25 boys.

During the summer of 2010, the Education Committee mailed out scholarship follow-up surveys to past scholarship recipients. The Committee was eager to find out whether past scholarship winners had graduated from college; and if they were working in their field of study. Of the 63 surveys mailed out, 14 surveys were returned completed. From this sample, the Committee found that three students had obtained doctoral degrees; another three students had completed master's degrees; and three others were currently taking graduate courses. The other students were still working on undergraduate degrees.

The students' current careers ran the gamut as follows: teaching, post-doctoral researchers, pediatric occupational therapist, timber market analyst (analyzes timber prices), and an aerospace engineer. In addition, students shared that the scholarships helped them purchase books, attend out-of-state colleges, graduate debt-free, and often the honor of having received the scholarship made them more attractive to colleges.

Some advice shared by students is as follows: 1) Be challenged, but have fun! 2) Don't limit options. Explore majors related to interests. Think about volunteering to see if passionate about interest. 3) Learning is a process. College should teach new ways of thinking, not just prepare you for a job!

Based on this sample of surveys returned, the Education Committee feels that the City's Excellence in Education scholarships continue to positively impact student success!

## What's Bouncing at the City Gym

### Bowie Senior Fit Program

**Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 - 10 a.m.** The program, sponsored by Holy Cross Hospital, is free to seniors in the community. For information, please call Sara McKecknie at 301-754-7895.

### Morning Walking Program

**Weekdays, 8:30 - 10 a.m.** Come walk indoors and enjoy the benefit of an air-conditioned facility.

### Women's Recreational Volleyball

**Fridays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.** – Beginning September 9, enjoy an opportunity to get some exercise and meet new friends! No experience needed.

### BBGC Youth Volleyball

Classes held on **Tuesdays and Fridays** for an 8-week session beginning September 13. For more information or to register, please go to [www.bbgc.com](http://www.bbgc.com).

### Sport4All

Sporty Kids and Volleyball begin on Monday, October 24. Sporty Kids Basketball begins on Tuesday, October 25. Classes are held from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information, please go to [www.sport4all.org](http://www.sport4all.org).

### Fall Coaches Clinic

The City Gym will once again offer our Introduction to Basketball Coaching Clinic this fall. The 8-hour program offers individuals a chance to learn the psychology of coaching, how to motivate players, organizational skills, safety on the court, philosophy and ethics, skills and tactics, and more! For more information, contact the Gym at 301-809-2388. Time and date to be announced.

# Bowie Budget in Brief

*July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012*

Activity	Highlights of Adopted Budget
<b>Revenues and Other Changes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The taxable assessed value of all property in the City declined from \$6.2 billion to \$5.7 billion, resulting in a loss of \$1.9 million in property tax revenue.</li> <li>• City real property tax rate remains unchanged at \$0.40 per \$100 of assessed value and business personal property tax rate remains unchanged at \$1.00 per \$100 of assessed value.</li> <li>• County tax rate reduced by \$.011 due to the tax differential program. The tax differential for FY 2012 is \$.152.</li> </ul>
<b>Public Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hire two new officers, bringing the total number of sworn police officers to 54.</li> <li>• Purchase two new police vehicles.</li> <li>• Conduct emergency management “tabletop” exercise that tests the abilities of staff to set up the new Emergency Operation Center into a ready status.</li> <li>• Continue support for Bowie Volunteer Fire Department (\$132,500), in addition to \$35,100 for future replacement of fire apparatus.</li> </ul>
<b>General Government</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued emphasis on energy and environmental programs that reduce energy and enhance the environment.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide financial support to the following programs: Senior Services - Tall Oaks High School “Glad You’re Here Program” (\$1,000), Youth Services Bureau - “Community Prevention Network” program (\$7,000), Community Services program supplements - “Community Based Social Services Program (\$33,000) and Education Support Grants (\$13,000).</li> <li>• Community Outreach Specialist position eliminated.</li> </ul>
<b>Recreation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation of a synthetic turf ball field at Whitemarsh Park (\$1,274,300).</li> <li>• Replacement of HVAC system (\$652,300) at Belair Mansion.</li> <li>• Implementation of Phase 1A of the Master Plan and replacement of Opportunity Park Playground equipment at Allen Pond Park (\$250,000).</li> <li>• Church Road Park parking lot expansion project (\$268,000).</li> </ul>
<b>Planning and Economic Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$50,000 in continued support for business incubator.</li> <li>• Complete Adnell Woods and Ashleigh annexations.</li> <li>• Complete the Urban Greening study and adopt an Urban Tree Canopy goal.</li> </ul>
<b>Public Works</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1,550,600 for street resurfacing.</li> <li>• Distribute new large recycling carts to approximately one-half of all City households (\$410,000). New carts will be distributed to the remaining households in the following year.</li> <li>• Improvements to Glen Allen/Atlantis Drive fencing, boardwalk and mulch pathway (\$6,400).</li> </ul>
<b>Water and Sewer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water rate increased \$.09 and sewer rate increased \$.14 per thousand gallons.</li> <li>• Improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant totaling \$1,317,000 are funded by \$90,000 in Water and Sewer revenues and \$1,227,000 in State Revolving Loan funds.</li> <li>• Improvements to Water Plant roof (\$45,000) and replacement of raw water meter (\$30,000).</li> </ul>

# Bowie Budget in Brief

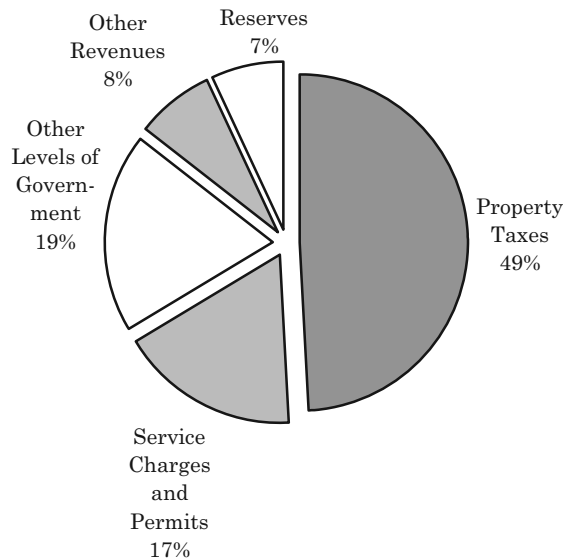
*July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012*

## The Big Picture

For the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, City Council authorized \$53,612,700 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 \$50,436,600 compared to last year's total of \$59,479,900. The \$9.043 million decrease reflects a reduction in the cost of capital projects scheduled for FY 2012 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. Fiscal Year 2012 is the first year of the triennial assessment

cycle. This year's real property tax rate remained at \$.40 per \$100 of assessed value and the business personal property tax rate remained at \$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 \$3.01 to \$3.10 per thousand gallons, and the sewer surcharge increased from \$4.30 to \$4.44 per thousand gallons.

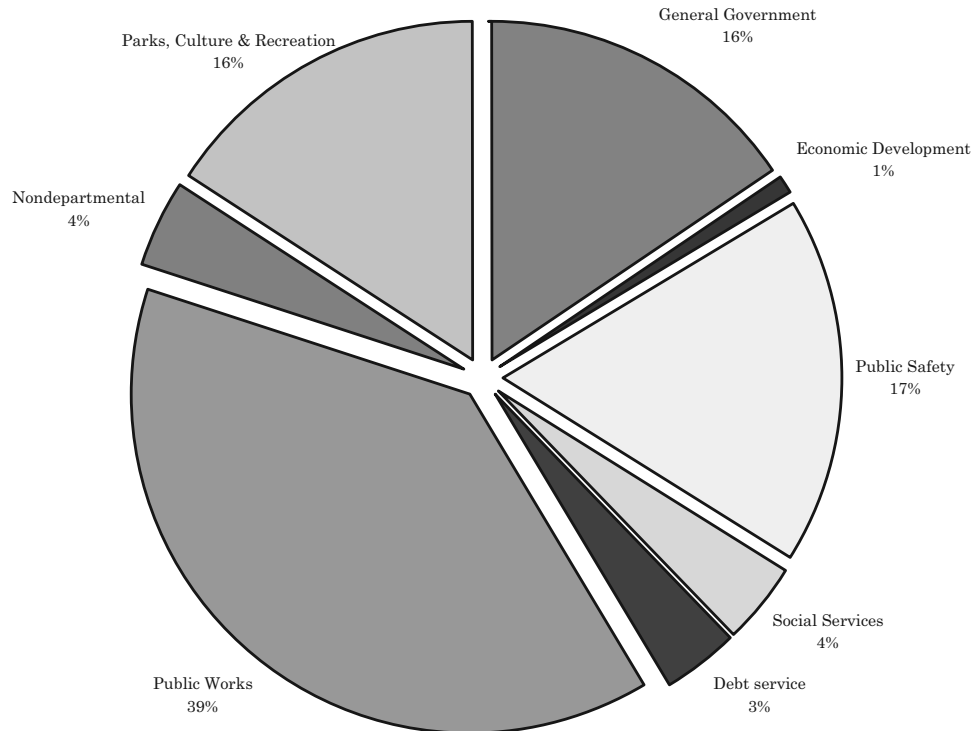
**Other Revenues** include interest earnings, rents, donations, sales of recyclable materials, the CATV franchise fee, and other miscellaneous items not classified elsewhere.

**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.

# Bowie Budget in Brief

*July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012*

## 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 Senior Services 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.

# Bowie Budget in Brief

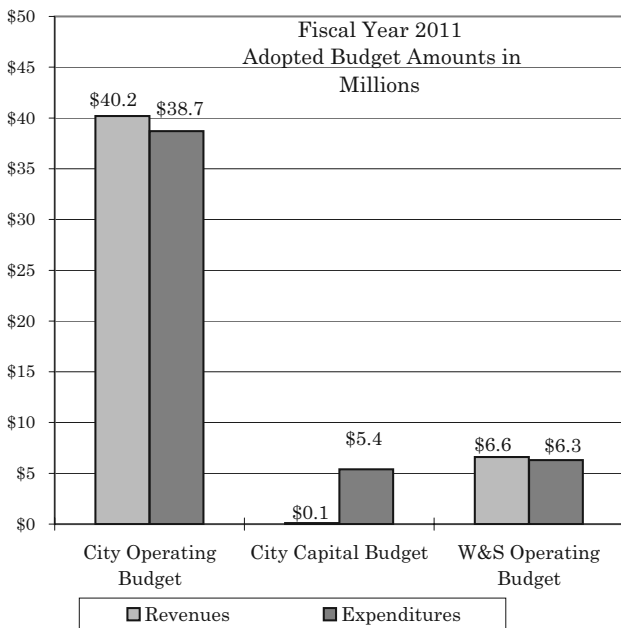
*July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012*

## The Budget Process

During the period of January through mid-April 2011, the City Manager and staff prepared the FY 2012 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 2012 Adopted Budget Ordinance and the companion Capital Improvements Program Resolution were passed on May 16, 2011. The Budget is effective for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

## 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 \$3,042,600.

## Operating Budget Detail

**Staffing** - The approved Budget provides for 349.3 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 (318.6 FTE) or the Water and Sewer Fund (30.7 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	\$23,287,900	56%
Contractual Services	9,603,100	23%
Commodities	3,349,600	8%
Other Charges	1,079,500	3%
Capital Outlay	77,500	--
Debt Service	1,321,600	3%
Transfers	2,814,900	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,534,100</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Budget Document

The City's detailed Budget is available online at the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

## 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 24**. Classes will start in October. Classes for all ages and levels will be offered on Thursday afternoons and Friday 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](mailto:crobertson@cityofbowie.org).

The annual **Halloween on Ice** party will be Saturday, **October 29** 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). Skate rental is \$3. 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](http://www.cityofbowie.org). For information on group or private lessons, birthday parties, group rates, frequent skater cards, stick and puck hockey, pickup hockey or pickup figure skating, please visit the website or call 301-809-3090.

### \$10 Off Beginner Group Lesson Registration

(Must present coupon when registering.)

### Bowie Ice Arena

Not valid with any other discount.

Coupon Expires October 8, 2011

### 2 for 1 Admission

(Skate Rental Fee is \$3/person.)

### Bowie Ice Arena

Not valid with any other discount.

Not valid during DJ session.

Coupon expires October 31, 2011

## Bowie Farmers' Market

The Bowie Farmer's Market is now 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, bedding plants and blue crabs at this "Producers-Only" market.

The Farmer's Market is open **Sundays, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**, through October 30, 2011. The Market operates in the parking lot of the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts at Bowie High School, 15200 Annapolis Road. For more information, please contact Matt Corley at [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3078.

### Upcoming Special Events

#### September 18 "Agriculture Awareness Day"

Farm animal petting zoo, 9:30 - 11 a.m.

#### October 23 "Octoberfest"

Free scarecrow making (participants supply a long-sleeved shirt and trousers). Free pumpkin painting (pumpkins available for purchase at market), 10 a.m. - 12 p.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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

### Teen Job Bank

**Bowie residents** are called on now to hire teens for work such as 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](http://www.cityofbowie.org), to download the required forms, or call 301-809-3033 for forms to be mailed.

### New Non-Emergency Police Number

Calls for police service are handled by the Prince George's County Public Safety Communications Center. Because of the Center's recent move to a new location, the number to report a crime or have a police officer respond in a non-emergency situation has changed.

The new phone number for non-emergency police service is **301-352-1200**.

If you need to reach the Administrative Offices of the Bowie Police Department, call 301-575-2480, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. In an emergency, always call 911.

## Join the Stream Team Cleanup!

The City will hold Stream Team Cleanup Number 8 on **Saturday, October 15, 2011** from 9 a.m. to noon. Bowie Stream Teams are made up of adults, students, school/church/scout groups and others who want to pick up trash and debris in and along some of the City's streams in an effort to improve water quality and minimize the amount of trash that flows through Bowie into the Patuxent River and down to the Chesapeake Bay. Over the last four years, Teams have cleaned streams from Saddlebrook (the most northwestern neighborhood in Bowie) all the way down to Pointer Ridge (in the southern part of the City).

Although the streams that will be cleaned this time around have not yet been identified, we want to have as many residents join us as possible at this event. In fact, we would love to break our record-high attendance of 380 volunteers in April 2009. We know that Bowie residents are passionate about their community and their environment, so help us reach a new record of 400 volunteers this time! We will provide all supplies you need plus a small thank-you gift for your service.

Why volunteer? You really can make a difference in your community! During the last seven cleanups, volunteers have removed 12,295 pounds of trash and 10,850 pounds of recycling plus several tons of large scrap metal from just a few of Bowie's streams. It's also a fun day to enjoy the fall weather and the company of your friends and neighbors! You also find some interesting items. A long-time volunteer said, "It's rather like a scavenger hunt. You never know what you're going to find. One time it's (pieces of) an abandoned BMW. Another, it's two dozen tires!"

Stream Teams can't happen without the very important role of Stream Team Leaders. Since we expect to have 400 volunteers, we will need several more leaders! Being a Team Leader does not require too much more time and effort than being a Team member, and the rewards are great. One Team Leader, Diane, had this to say about her experience over the last several years: "...through my efforts as a team leader, the children, teens and young adults participating learn a life lesson about the impact we have on our environment and will use that knowledge to make smart decisions regarding their personal environmental footprint. It helps the adults recognize that we have to change the bad habits of our generation (and past ones) to repair the damage already inflicted."

Student Service Learning hours are available to Prince George's County students. To sign up or get more information, contact Tiffany Wright, the City's Watershed Manager, at [twright@cityofbowie.org](mailto:twright@cityofbowie.org) or at 301-809-3043. We look forward to seeing you in October!

***Stay up to date on Green Bowie news, events, articles and resources to help you Go Green! Sign up for the new quarterly Green Bowie e-newsletter at [www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie](http://www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie). (You can opt out at any time.)***

### Challenge Yourself With Our "Recycling Quiz"

You just finished the latest novel by your favorite author. What do you do with the book?

**Answer: See [www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie](http://www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie).**



## Code Corner

**Appurtenance and Appurtenance Structures** An appurtenance is an object or device attached to the main building. The most common home appurtenances are exhaust ducts and pipes, steps, porches, shutters, flower boxes, satellite dish antennas, canopies and awnings.

Chapter 5, Section 5-7 of the City Code requires property owners to make certain their exterior “appurtenances and appurtenance structures” are “safe, weather resistant and structurally sound”. They must also be “free from rust, corrosion and graffiti”.

**Bamboo (To plant or not to plant)** Although bamboo can add aesthetic appeal to a yard, uncontrolled it can become a nuisance. Bamboo is generally divided into two types, “clumping” and “running”. Running bamboo is invasive and it can spread quickly. The in-ground stems (leptomorph rhizome) of running bamboo can cover a 10-foot area or more during a season. It can choke out surrounding plants and vegetation. Bamboo can travel under fences and shrubs and grow into your neighbor’s yard.

If planted, property owners must maintain the bamboo in their yard. It may not be allowed to grow into your neighbor’s yard and create a private nuisance. Cut the bamboo back or place a metal barrier around the bamboo to keep it from spreading.

Unwanted bamboo is VERY difficult to remove but it can be controlled several ways. The best option is to dig up the above and below ground stems (culms and rhizomes) and roots. Otherwise, cut the culms/canes and spray or paint on commercial products containing Glyphosate found in Roundup or KleenUp, or Triclopyr Amine found in Brush-B-Gon, Brush Killer and Garlon 4. You will have to be vigilant as several applications may be necessary. Mow any bamboo shoots should they emerge.

Consult a landscaping company or garden center should you be interested in other plantings that will provide the same privacy as bamboo but with less potential problems. For more information, see the brochure from the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service at [www.hgic.umd.edu/documents/hg28.pdf](http://www.hgic.umd.edu/documents/hg28.pdf) or contact the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 or [lransom@cityofbowie.org](mailto:lransom@cityofbowie.org).

## The Animal Adoption Option

Every year in the United States, millions of animals end up in shelters and rescues. Animals find themselves in shelters for a variety of reasons. Their owners may be moving, having financial difficulties, family problems, or health issues. Perhaps a pet was not spayed or neutered and had an unexpected litter, so the resulting puppies or kittens are turned over to the shelter in hopes of them finding good homes. Or, an animal may simply have been a stray.

One way we can make our community stronger is to support our local animal shelter and rescues. If you are looking for a new pet, please consider adoption. If you are looking for a purebred animal, keep in mind there are purebred rescue groups for most breeds. You may be more likely to find the type of animal you are looking for during certain times of the year. For example, springtime brings many puppies and kittens to shelters. A very easy way to start your search is to utilize Petfinder at [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com), where you can search for adoptable pets by Zip Code, age and breed.

For more information about our local County shelter, contact the Prince George’s County Animal Management Group at 301-780-7200 or visit [www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/der/amg](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/der/amg), or contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002 or [tdodge@cityofbowie.org](mailto:tdodge@cityofbowie.org).

## Children's Activities in the Parks

Come join your friendly Park Ranger for some outdoor fun and learning. Enjoy nature, stories, and meeting new friends. Programs for children of all ages. They are free but registration is required. Activities require adult chaperones.

**Campfire Stories** - September 10, 6 p.m. at Allen Pond Park.

**Stories of History** - September 24, 6:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion.

**Halloween Happenings** - October 29, 6 p.m. at Belair Mansion.

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

## Bowie Playhouse Presents



### THE FOREIGNER -- 8/26 - 9/10

*The Foreigner* is an inspired comic romp, rich in inventive hilarity as is the author's classic comedy *The Nerd*. Based on what the New York Post describes as a "devilishly clever idea," the play demonstrates what can happen when a group of devious characters must deal with a stranger who (they think) knows no English. Mention *The Foreigner* to anyone who knows the show and they will automatically smile, if not laugh. Presented by 2nd Star Productions, 301-832-4819.

### BORN YESTERDAY -- 9/16 - 10/1

The story of Billie Dawn, an ex-showgirl, who comes to Washington, D.C. with her lover Harry Brock, a crooked businessman. Brock wants to use Billie to help him "buy" a congressman so he hires newspaperman Paul Verrall to make her classy and soften her rough edges. The plan backfires when Billie falls in love with Paul and realizes Brock is a crook. Presented by Prince George's Little Theatre, 301-937-7458 or [www.pgl.org](http://www.pgl.org).

### GRACE & GLORIE -- 10/7 - 10/22

Grace, a feisty 90-year-old cancer patient, has checked herself out of the hospital and returned to her beloved homestead cottage in the Blue Ridge Mountains to die. The volunteer hospice worker who shows up with Grace's medicine she "left behind" is Glorie, a Harvard MBA graduate, recently transplanted to this rural backwater from New York. Glorie is tense, unhappy and guilt ridden because her only child was killed in an auto accident when Glorie was driving. As she attempts to care for and comfort Grace, she gains new perspectives on values and life's highs and lows. Presented by Bowie Community Theatre, 301-805-0219 or [www.BCTheatre.com](http://www.BCTheatre.com).



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

## News of the City Museums



### Mark Your Calendar

#### Kids Kaboose

**Tuesday, September 13 and October 18, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.** at Bowie Railroad Museum. Youngsters ages 1-11 are invited to share railroad fun at the Museum. Free.

#### An 1861 Afternoon Outing

**Saturday, September 24, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. Join the members of the Atlantic Guard Soldiers Aid Society in Belair Mansion's garden as they celebrate the Confederate victory at Manassas (First Manassas/Bull Run) in July 1861. 19th century games, conversation, sewing, reading and relaxing – typical outdoor activities from the period – will be on the agenda. Discuss the recent battle and news of the (1861) day beyond the battle. Free.

#### Take Me Out to the Ballgame

**Sunday, September 25, 2 p.m.** at Huntington South Park (MD Rt. 564). Vintage baseball game with the Chesapeake and Potomac Vintage Base Ball Club. Bowie has a long association with baseball, from the Blacksox to the Bowie Baysox. Join the fun and enjoy the history...and the peanuts! Free.

#### “World War II Native American Code Talkers: Myths, Movies and Reality” - Second Tuesday Lecture Series

**Tuesday, October 11, 7:30 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. Presented by Dr. David Hatch, NSA. Free.

#### Sock Hop!

**Saturday, October 15 at 7 - 10 p.m.** at Bowie Senior Center. Return to the 60's to celebrate Belair at Bowie's 50th Anniversary! Take off your shoes and dance the evening away with Gene Vincent and The Cadillac Cruisers! For tickets, contact 301-809-3089 or 301-262-0920.

#### “Not Too Spooky” Campfire Stories with the Park Rangers

**Saturday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. Enjoy Halloween stories by firelight in the Mansion Garden! Free.

Don't forget...admission is FREE at ALL City Museum sites. Come celebrate Bowie history.

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

## Museum Hours of Operation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Senior Services Overview

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

## It Happens at the Senior Center

**Meet and Greet Social** September 7, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Get to know our class instructors.

### Remembering and Honoring 9/11

September 9, 10:30 a.m. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

**Community Health Fair** Saturday, September 17, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**How to Prevent Falls** September 20, 6 p.m. Discover four exercises and a supplement that prevents falls.

**Bonsai Show** September 23, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Ballet Theatre of Maryland** September 28, 12:30 p.m. Short performance, open to public.

**Zoomobile** September 29, 6:30 p.m. Grandparents bring grandchildren! Registration needed.

**Flu Vaccine** September 30, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Halloween Party** - October 31, 10 a.m. Registration/Fee needed.

# Active Adult 55+

## Computer Classes

Registration currently going on. An eight-week session of computer classes will start the week of September 12. Courses range from beginners through Word and Excel. Most classes are taught during the day, but there are evening classes in Word 2010 and Excel 2010. Class descriptions and schedule are available at [www.bowieseniorcenter.org](http://www.bowieseniorcenter.org) under Computer Classes or at the Center.

## Take Action

The Senior Center is looking for individuals for the following volunteer opportunities:

- Computer Center Instructors or Assistants to the Instructors.
- Tech savvy individuals to help with hardware control of the computers.

Contact Kathy White at 301-809-2300.

## Telephone Reassurance Program

This program makes weekly telephone calls to homebound and isolated seniors in the community. If you or someone you know is a senior citizen who is home alone for an extended period of time and would like to receive a weekly friendly phone call, please contact Kathy White at the Senior Center. Telephone Reassurance is a program of Prince George's County Department of Family Services. If you would like to become a volunteer with the program, please call Laurel Raymond at the Bowie Senior Center.

**Bowie Senior Center, 14900 Health Center Drive**

**301-809-2300, [www.bowieseniorcenter.org](http://www.bowieseniorcenter.org)**

Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;  
Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.;  
and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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### Upcoming Events

#### Labor Day

*Monday, September 5, 2011  
City Offices Closed  
No refuse or recycling collection*

#### Document Shredding and Styrofoam

#### Recycling Event

*Saturday, September 10, 2011  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Bowie High School*

#### Salute to America Concert

*Sunday, September 11, 2011  
7 - 8 p.m. Allen Pond Park*

#### Bowie International Festival

*Saturday, October 1, 2011  
11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Allen Pond Park*

#### Stream Team Cleanup

*Saturday, October 15, 2011  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m., streams through-  
out the City*

### Street Lights

The City is responsible for the maintenance of most street lights in Bowie and has hired a contractor to perform the repairs.

To report a street light outage or malfunction, email [jtayman@cityofbowie.org](mailto:jtayman@cityofbowie.org) or contact the Public Works Department at 301-809-2332. If you call after hours, please leave a detailed voicemail message and a callback number. You can also report the outage using the Service Request tool on the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

When reporting an outage, please provide the address nearest the pole and the pole number, found about five feet up the pole.

If a pole is knocked down or damaged, please call 301-809-2332 during business hours or call 301-262-6200 after hours or on weekends so that the problem can be addressed as quickly as possible.

Lights on wooden poles are maintained by BGE and must be reported directly to the company for repair. Call 1-800-685-0123 or visit the website, [www.bge.com](http://www.bge.com), and select "Report a Problem" at the bottom of the page under Customer Service.