



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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Greetings!

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Bowie, Maryland. What a great place to be! We enjoyed the ride provided by 2014 and we embrace the future that 2015 brings. As 2014 fades into history we recall that we lost some dear friends and we welcomed some new ones. We celebrated a number of 50th Anniversary gatherings around the City for some of our houses of worship and a number of the community groups that make us special. We proudly celebrated the patriotic commitment to our nation of our neighbors serving in the US military, all while we worried about those serving in harm's way.



With the New Year, we hope that you will enjoy the placement of The Bowie Spotlight in our hometown newspaper. The Spotlight will be included here monthly. We will also continue to post the newsletter and announcements on the City website. We hope to satisfy both the print and electronic communications interests of our residents with this effort.

As we move forward and embrace 2015, let's continue to count our blessings and maintain that special Bowie belief that life is greater when we face it together. Bowie is truly a great community. In light of that pride and on behalf of the entire Bowie City Council and an incredible City staff, I am pleased to extend our wish to all for a Happy New Year. See you around town.

G. Frederick Robinson, Mayor

Snow Emergency - Parking and Sidewalks

The accumulation of two (2) or more inches of snow and ice on City streets constitutes a "snow emergency". The snow emergency remains in effect until the snow and ice are cleared. During snow emergency, cars, vans and trucks are prohibited from on-street parking, however they may be parked on the grassy area of the owner's yard until the emergency is lifted. City sidewalks are not to be blocked. It is important for private and commercial property owners, tenants and management com-

panies to clear the public sidewalks adjacent to their property within 48 hours of cessation of the snow falling. Property owners near public and private schools should be especially prudent to clear their sidewalks for the safety of children attending school. Noncompliance may result in fines or additional enforcement actions. For more information on snow emergencies, see Bowie City Code Chapter 14, Article IV Snow Emergency at www.cityofbowie.org.

Dog and Cat Temporary Holding Rooms

The temporary holding rooms at City Hall for lost or stray cats and dogs are operational. One room is designed for cats and the other room for dogs. Dogs and non-eartipped cats found running at-large in Bowie will be transported to the holding rooms if their owner cannot be located immediately. Injured, sick, owner-surrendered, non-socialized cats and dogs will not be taken to the facility. Information on the pets will be posted on Bowie's Animal Control Facebook page, www.facebook.com/BowieAnimalControl. Pets housed in the temporary holding rooms will be provided with food, water, and exercise and kept in a clean environment. Daily fees (\$5/day boarding fee, \$35/day walking fee) and a \$60 redemption fee are applicable and due upon release of the pet to its owner or custodian. If the pet is not claimed after five (5) days, the pet will be transported to the Prince George's County Animal Management Facility. For more information, contact Bowie Animal Control at 301.809.3002, lransom@cityofbowie.org or www.cityofbowie.org.



National Anthem & "Voice of Bowie" Auditions

The City will hold open auditions for individuals or groups to perform the National Anthem at City special events and for those interested in being the stage announcer at the Memorial Day Parade, Bowiefest, 4th of July and the International Festival.

Auditions will be held in the Studio at the Kenhill Center (2614 Kenhill Drive) on Saturday, February 21, 2015 beginning at 9 a.m. for the National Anthem. Participants must

be prepared to perform the National Anthem a cappella for a judging panel. Auditions for the Voice of Bowie will begin at approximately 11:30 a.m. Candidates will be asked to read from a prepared script for a judging panel. The chosen performer(s) will be invited to perform at the various City-sponsored special events. For information or to schedule an audition, contact Special Events Coordinator Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

HOLIDAY

PRESIDENTS' DAY

February 16, 2015
City Offices Closed
No Refuse/Recycling Pickup

OF INTEREST

ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR HALL OF HONOR

Deadline 5 p.m., 3/2/15
Contact Matt Corley at 301.809.3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

YOUTH ART EXPO

The artwork of talented young people from ten Bowie schools is the current Art Gallery exhibit which runs through 3/20/15. For more information, contact Annette Esterheld at aesterheld@cityofbowie.org or 301.575.5601.

TEEN JOB BANK

Sponsored by Bowie Youth & Family Services, residents may use this service to find teens that can help with tasks such as snow shoveling, babysitting, tutoring, shopping or other chores. The job and fees are determined by you and the teen. For information, call 301.809.3033.

ADULTS 55+

Bowie Senior Center
14900 Health Center Drive
301.809.2300

DAYS & TIMES

M/W/F 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
T/TH 8:30 A.M. - 7 P.M.
SAT 8:30 A.M. - 12 P.M.

BELLY DANCING

Thursdays, 2/12 - 4/2
2 - 3 P.M.
Register by 2/5. \$40 for residents and \$48 for nonresidents.

FRIENDSHIP DAY

Friday, 2/13
12:30 P.M.
Join us at the Center as we celebrate with our friends and enjoy "The New Jazz Collective" band. Light refreshments. Open to the public. Free.

FUN SUDOKU WORKSHOP

Friday, 2/27
10 and 11 A.M.
If you can count to nine, you can master this game. We will explore strategies for more challenging puzzles. Bring your pencils and erasers! Free.

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Bowie Playhouse Presents ...

I Hate Hamlet

2/6 - 2/22, 2nd Star Productions

Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and matinees are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. For tickets, 301-858-7245 or www.2ndstarproductions.com. All performances are at the Bowie Playhouse, located in Whitemarsh Park, 16500 Whitemarsh Park Drive.