



# BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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## Just Down the Road ... Annapolis and Belair

For many of us, a ride down Route 50 to Maryland's capital city, Annapolis, is a pleasurable day trip or a lovely lunch or evening dinner. The next time you visit Annapolis, take a walk around and explore its connections to Belair Mansion.

Ogle Hall (below) has stood at the corner of College Avenue and King George Street since 1737. Purchased from a Dr. Stephenson, Ogle Hall became the townhouse of Governor Samuel Ogle and his wife, Anne Tasker Ogle. It passed to their son and daughter-in-law, Benjamin and Henrietta Hill Ogle and remained in family hands until the early 19th century. Today, the United States Naval Academy Alumni Association calls Ogle Hall home.

For a glimpse of a less "frenetic" side of Annapolis, wander over to Market Street. Filled today with lovely early 19th century townhouses, it was the street where Benjamin Tasker, Sr., maintained a town home – no doubt Anne Tasker Ogle and Benjamin Tasker, Jr. and their siblings knew it quite well. At the bottom of Duke of Gloucester St., next to St. Mary's Church, is the Charles Carroll House. The Carroll Family, despite divergent religious beliefs (the Carrolls were Roman Catholic), were close friends of Benjamin and Henrietta Hill Ogle. Benjamin Ogle was a pallbearer at Mrs. Charles Carroll's funeral. Across from Carroll House is Ridout House – the home of John and Mary Ridout. Mary "Molly" Ridout was the daughter of Samuel and Anne Ogle. Anne Ogle herself lived in the "row" of townhouses just above Ridout house when she returned here after the Revolution.



But, by all means...don't miss St. Anne's Church on Church Circle and the burial ground that surrounds it. Resting in the cemetery proper are the remains of Benjamin Tasker, Sr. and Benjamin Tasker, Jr. Governor Ogle and his eldest son, Samuel Jr., were buried beneath the first St. Anne's structure

in the 1750's. The present church is the third on the site. The Ogles rest somewhere beneath it. A visit to Annapolis is, really, a visit to the 18th century Taskers and Ogles, too!

## April is National Fair Housing Month

The Fair Housing Act was written into law under Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended and signed by President Lyndon Johnson. The Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of religion, disability, gender, national origin, race or color, or familial status.

During the month of April, the City's Office of Grant Development and Administration will host several educational activities related to the rights and obligations under the Act for tenants, landlords and others, including businesses, real estate companies, and homeowner associations.

On **April 17, 2015** from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. there will be a Fair Housing Symposium at City Hall for HOA management, real estate brokers, landlords, developers, and rental property managers on fair housing laws and best practices. In addition, the City will broadcast several educational public service announcements on its public access stations.

To learn more about the Fair Housing Act, your right to fair housing, and related activities, please visit [www.cityofbowie.org/grants](http://www.cityofbowie.org/grants). You may also email your questions to [Bowiehsg@cityofbowie.org](mailto:Bowiehsg@cityofbowie.org).

## Refuse Truck Fires

Safety is a top priority for the City of Bowie and it is a shared responsibility that starts right at your trash can and recycling cart. Over the last six months, the trash inside three City refuse trucks has caught on fire. Fortunately, the quick thinking and prompt action of the three drivers prevented injury to staff and avoided costly vehicle repairs. Before you discard anything, think about whether the item could cause a fire or an explosion. Some examples include hot fireplace ashes, flammable chemicals, oil based paints, and propane tanks. If an item poses such a danger, do not put it out for collection. Contact the Solid Waste Division at 301-809-2338 to learn how to properly dispose of the dangerous item.

## Teen Mentoring Program

A mentor is an adult volunteer who spends time with a child in a supportive and friendly environment. If you are at least 21 years of age and reside in the Bowie area, you have the power to change your life and the life of a teen. The Bowie Youth and Family Services (BYFS) Teen Mentoring Program can help you do just that. For more information, contact Rhonda Simon, Volunteer Coordinator, at [mentor@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mentor@cityofbowie.org) or call BYFS at 301-809-3033.

## Code Corner - Yard Maintenance

The Code Compliance Office encourages every residential and commercial property owner to maintain their yards in a clean and orderly state. This includes: keeping lawns mowed and preventing grass and weeds from exceeding eight (8) inches in height; remove trash, refuse and litter; cut and remove dead trees, trim overgrown bushes and shrubs; and eliminate the open storage of automotive parts and tires, furniture, building materials, construction equipment, surplus or unusable toys, fallen tree branches and other yard waste. For more information, visit [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

### Bowie Green Expo

**4/11**, 1 - 4 p.m. at Kenhill Center. Hosted by the Lions Club and Bowie's Green Team.

### Spring Plant Sale

**4/25**, 8 a.m., at Bowie Library. Buy mums, perennials, house plants, etc. Sponsored by Bowie-Crofton Garden Club and the Bowie Green Team.

For more information about these items, contact Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 or [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org).

### Celebrate Arbor Day!

**4/18**, 10 a.m., Acorn Hill Park at the intersection of Stonybrook Drive and Sage Lane. For information, contact Rick Kellner at 301-809-3061 or [rkellner@cityofbowie.org](mailto:rkellner@cityofbowie.org).

### Earth Day Concert and Art Exhibit

**4/18**, 7 p.m., Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. Sponsored by Bowie's Green Team. For information, contact Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 or [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org).

### Bike to Work Day

Friday, **5/15**, 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. at two Bowie Pit Stops - Bowie Town Center Food Court and Old Town Bowie Fire Station. A free event full of fun, food and prizes. For more information, contact Frank Stevens at 301-809-3053 or [fstevens@cityofbowie.org](mailto:fstevens@cityofbowie.org).



### Rent Office Space at Kenhill Center

Office space is available for rent to nonprofits at the Kenhill Center. For more information, visit [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) or contact 301-809-3014 or [shein@cityofbowie.org](mailto:shein@cityofbowie.org).

### Water Quality Report

The 2014 City of Bowie Water Quality Report is now available. Please go to [www.cityofbowie.org/wqr](http://www.cityofbowie.org/wqr) to view it and learn more about the source and quality of your City of Bowie drinking water. If you would like a paper copy mailed to you, please call 301-809-3060.

**Memorial Day Parade** Saturday, **5/23**, 11 a.m. There is still time to sign your organization up to participate in this fun and patriotic event!

**Beautification Awards** The City, in cooperation with Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton, is accepting nominations for these awards. Visit [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) and search *Beautification awards*.

**Bowiefest** Saturday, **6/6** at Allen Pond Park. If you would like to be a part of this Bowie tradition, visit [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) and search *Bowiefest*.

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

## MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org)

### COLONIAL AFTERNOON: WORK AND PLAY

Tuesday, 4/7  
12 - 4 p.m., Belair Mansion  
Drop-in program.

### SECOND TUESDAY LECTURE- OF RAILS & RICE: ECOLOGY OF WILD RICE MARSHES ON THE PATUXENT RIVER

Tuesday, 4/14  
7:30 p.m., Belair Mansion

### KIDS KABOOSE

Tuesday, 4/21  
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Bowie Railroad Museum

## CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive  
301-809-2388

### RECREATIONAL VOLLEY-BALL

Fridays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### PICKLEBALL

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Offered in partnership with the Senior Center. Similar to tennis, but with a lower net and a plastic whiffle-type ball.

### SPRING BREAK NIKE BASKETBALL CAMPS

4/6 - 4/10 Coed camp for ages 6-17. For more information and registration, visit [www.ussports-camps.com/basketball](http://www.ussports-camps.com/basketball) or call 1-800-NIKECAMP.

### ROOM RENTALS

The Gym has rooms available for rent for parties or meetings. \$25 per hour.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, 4/3, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
For information, call 1-800-RED-CROSS

## 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.

### HEALTH PRESENTATION:

#### MEMORY LOSS

Thursday, 4/9, 10 a.m.

### HOT TOPICS: WALK WITH A DOCTOR

Tuesday, 4/21, 5:45 p.m.

### ANNAPOLIS HISTORY, TREATY OF PARIS

Monday, 4/27, 10 a.m.

### SENIOR LAW DAY

Monday, 5/1, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Call for appointment.

Contact the Senior Center for a complete list of programs, classes, trips and services.

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