



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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Enjoy Rock & Roll History at Bowiefest!

Celebrate BOWIE at Bowiefest on Saturday, June 6 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. This year, Bowiefest will feature the dynamic group of Leonard, Coleman and Blunt formally of The Temptations, The Platters and The Drifters on the Anne Arundel Medical Center Stage at the Robert V. Setera Amphitheater. But that is only part of the entertainment that awaits. We will once again have Bowie's own Reptile World with Michael Shwedick, the Belle Aires Twirlers and the Fourth Annual Rib Eating Contest sponsored by Texas Road House on the Anne Arundel Medical Center Stage. While on the Boathouse Stage, Bowie's own Good Kemistry Band will have you singing with their style of R&B, and the Good Times Band will bring their own Classic Rock, and don't forget to come early to hear the Go-Go Symphony.



Bowiefest is a long-standing tradition in the City. It brings the best of Bowie's civic organizations, entertainers and businesses to one place for one day. Around the Pond you can sample food from area vendors includ-

ing pulled pork, pit beef, corn dogs, cotton candy, soft serve ice cream, funnel cakes, Italian sausage, frozen fruit drinks and fresh-squeezed lemonade. For more information about Bowiefest, and the schedule of all performers, please go to www.cityofbowie.org and put Bowiefest in the Search area or call 301-809-3078.

Support Special Olympics and Bowie Police

Have a ball at **Special Olympics Awareness Day** Sunday, **June 21** at Prince George's Stadium. Following the 2:05 p.m. Bowie Baysox vs. Trenton Thunder game, watch the Prince George's County All-Star Softball team take on the Bowie Police All-

Stars at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per ticket (includes both games) and benefits the Special Olympics of Prince George's County. For more information, please contact Sergeant Henderson at 301-575-1824.

Backyard Habitat Tour - Saturday, June 13

Are you familiar with the Backyard Habitat program in Bowie? Have you wanted to certify your yard, but you're just not sure where to begin? Come to the fourth annual Bowie Gardens 4 Wildlife Backyard Habitat Tour. Each year, a few residents open their yards and habitats to the public to show how they are providing food, water and shelter for wildlife. They are available to talk about what has and hasn't worked for them and are happy to provide guidance on how to get started in your own backyard. Also, if you haven't certified your yard as a National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Wildlife Habitat yet, now is a great time. Usually, it costs \$20 to certify your yard, but the City is reimbursing the certification fee for up to 50 homeowners. Visit www.cityofbowie.org/habitat for a map of tour stops and the times each resident is available as well as for details about NWF certification reimbursement. For more information, contact Watershed Manager Tiffany Wright at twright@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3043.

Wildlife Tolerance

Wild critters become quite active and more visible in the spring and summer. Folks should respect and tolerate their right to coexist with humans while remembering, "they are still wild animals". Wildlife is born with predator instincts and the ability to seek out food and shelter. By feeding and providing shelter we may cause a change in their behavioral patterns. This can create a competition for food and attract a variety of wildlife species. Though feeding wildlife is not prohibited, it's best to leave them alone while at the same time enjoying their existence. For more information, contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002 and visit our webpage, www.cityofbowie.org.

City Gym "Back to School Bash"

This 12th annual event is scheduled for **Saturday, August 22** at the City Gym. We are now taking reservations for vendors. If you offer a product that may be of interest to parents of school-age children such as athletics, music, arts, tutoring etc., please contact us for table space. Free space is available on a first come first serve basis.

We are now accepting donations of school supplies to fill backpacks for the children. Among the products most needed are notebooks, crayons, scissors and markers. Please feel free to drop off your donation in the box in the Gym lobby. If you wish to be a sponsor of this year's event, please contact Gym Manager Donna Hooper at 301-809-2383.

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 or call BYFS at 301-809-3033.

Bowie Ice Arena

The Ice Arena is currently closed for annual maintenance. It will reopen in July for summer skating, camps and group lessons. For information, visit the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org or call 301-809-3090.

Paper Shredding and Styrofoam Recycling

6/20, The Public Works Department has scheduled a paper shredding and styrofoam recycling event at the Bowie High School parking lot on Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Residents can bring up to five tall kitchen bags or five archive boxes for shredding. Documents may be observed while they are being shredded. Styrofoam must be free of any debris (glue or tape).

Farmer's Market

Every Sunday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Bowie High School Parking Lot (15200 Annapolis Road), through October 25, 2015. For more information, 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

June Jam Skate Competition

6/14, All day at Bowie Skate Park at Allen Pond Park. For information: www.cityofbowie.org, 301-809-3076 or mreno@cityofbowie.org.

Sunday Sunset Concert Series Begin

5/24, 7 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Concerts every Sunday through 8/30. Canceled in inclement weather. For information: www.cityofbowie.org, 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Saturday Concerts

4 - 6 p.m. at Town Green Park in Old Town Bowie. Concerts every Saturday (except 7/4) June 20 - August 8. For information: www.cityofbowie.org, 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

QUILT CARE AND CONSERVATION REPRISÉ

6/1, 2 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Free Reservations required

KIDS KABOOSE

6/16, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 1-10 Free

TODDLER TIME TRAVELERS

6/22, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Belair Mansion Ages 3-5 Free

SCHOOL'S OUT! DROP-IN HISTORICAL FUN AND GAMES

6/24, 12 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

AT THE SIGN OF THE HORSE & SADDLE - TAVERN NIGHT AT BELAIR WITH "BEDLAM!"

6/27, 7 - 9 p.m. Belair Mansion Reservations required \$25 pp.

TIME TRAVELERS

6/29, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Belair Mansion Ages 5-11 Free

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL

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

PICKLEBALL

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Offered in partnership with the Senior Center.

NIKE BASKETBALL CAMPS GIRLS CAMP

6/22 - 6/26 Ages 6-17

BOYS CAMP

7/20 - 7/24 Ages 6-17

Information: www.ussports-camps.com/basketball or 1-800-NIKECAMP

5 STAR BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

7/13 - 7/17 Ages 9-15

Information: info@5starbasketball.com or 301-762-2121

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.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND OPEN HOUSE

6/15, 12:30 p.m.

HOT TOPICS: "SUMMER FUN FACTS"

6/16, 5:45 p.m.

SENIOR CENTER ANNIVERSARY DANCE

6/18, 6:30 - 8 p.m. \$8/residents and \$10/nonresidents

INTERGENERATIONAL MAGIC SHOW

6/25, 12:30 p.m. All welcome

SHOW STOPPERS VARIETY SHOW

6/29, 10:30 a.m.

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor G. Frederick Robinson
Mayor Pro Tem Isaac Trouth
Dennis Brady
Henri Gardner
James L. Marcos
Diane M. Polangin
Dufour Woolfley

CITY MANAGER

David J. Deutsch
301-809-3030

Kiss Me Kate 5/29 - 6/27 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: 301- 832-4819 or www.2ndstarproductions.com.

Flora and Fauna City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through June 19. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours).

Beautification Awards The City, in cooperation with Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton, is accepting nominations for these awards. Visit www.cityofbowie.org and search Beautification awards. For more information, call 301-809-0378. Deadline is Friday, June 19, 2015.