

Bowie News & Upcoming Events as of June 5, 2015

Bowiefest is Saturday, June 6th!

It looks like the weather forecast is improving just in time for Bowiefest. Tomorrow, Saturday, June 6th Bowie's annual celebration of all things Bowie takes place at Allen Pond Park from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Whether you plan to stop by for lunch and some musical entertainment or plan to stay all day and take in all of the offerings, we are sure that you will enjoy yourself and find lots to do! There will be rides, performances, a rib eating contest, and a host of food and drink options throughout the park. There's also an Arts and Crafts fair, a Home and Health Expo in the Ice Arena, and local organizations will have booths scattered throughout the park to tell you about what they do. Don't miss a performance by *LCB* on the Amphitheater Stage at 3:25 p.m. The band plays 60s and 70s music and includes former members of Motown bands *The Platters*, *The Temptations*, and *the Drifters*. View a link to the event program at www.cityofbowie.org/bowiefest. Shuttle buses will run from the Park and Ride lot on Northview Drive to the park throughout the day. There will also be parking at the Allen Pond Park or on side streets around the park.

Bowie Marketplace Demolition

This week the final buildings on the Marketplace site were demolished after the Prince George's County Fire Department and the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department burned down the old bank building during a training exercise.



Job Vacancy

The City is currently accepting applications for the following position:

Assistant Park Operations Manager (Community Services Department)
Deadline: June 10, 2015. View details at www.cityofbowie.org/jobs.

Reminder: Effective July 1 Plastic Bags Can No Longer Be Recycled at Curbside

Due to a recent change at the facility where the City takes its recyclables, plastic bags are no longer on the list of acceptable items for the City's Residential Recycling Collection Program. Most grocery stores in Bowie and other retailers like Best Buy, Home Depot, Kohl's, Lowe's, Macy's, Target, and Walmart will accept plastic bags for recycling. Check out our page about plastic bags and reusable shopping bags at www.cityofbowie.org/plasticbags. At the bottom of that page there is a list of local businesses that accept plastic bags.

Police Department Posts Reports on Facebook and on City Website

The Bowie Police Department publishes crime data regularly on its website at www.cityofbowie.org/crimereports. Effective June 4th, the City of Bowie will also be publishing links to its Unusual Reports on Facebook. The Bowie Police Department issues an Unusual Report when there is a major crime in the City or when the department is involved in a crime or situation that is out of the ordinary. During most months there are only a handful of incidents that warrant the issuance of an Unusual Report. Yesterday the Police Department issued three because of the murder in Old Town Bowie and two other incidents. You can view these reports at www.cityofbowie.org/unusuals.

Note: Prince George's County Police announced this afternoon that they have made an arrest in the homicide case. See more information at the County Police blog at <http://goo.gl/AjB9Uf>.

No City-sponsored Fireworks on the Fourth of July

The City of Bowie regrets to announce that it will not be hosting a Fourth of July fireworks display this year. City fireworks were moved to the Baysox a few years ago and combined with a pre-fireworks concert. Due to a Baysox baseball game at the stadium on the Fourth of July, the Baysox could not provide the venue for a City-sponsored celebration. After evaluating potential alternative sites and finding them lacking, the City has reluctantly made a decision to forego City-sponsored fireworks in 2015.

City staff has compiled a list of fireworks displays taking place in the area, which can be found on the City website at www.cityofbowie.org/fireworks. They are already exploring alternatives for 2016 and beyond, including going back to Prince George's Stadium, but for 2015 there will be no City-sponsored fireworks in Bowie.

Cop for a Day – June 27th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Bowie Police Department is teaming up with the Bowie Baysox for a Special Olympics fundraiser on June 27th when the Department hosts its first ever "Cop for a Day" event at Prince George's Stadium. Participants, ages 9 and older, will have the opportunity to experience a day in the life of a Police Officer, by being involved in a vehicle pursuit, a foot chase, conducting a traffic stop, searching for evidence, and more. The registration fee is \$20 and includes a t-shirt, access to all of the events in any 45-minute time slot chosen by the registrant, and light refreshments. Please call 301-575-1824 for more information or visit www.bowiecopforaday.com to register.

Bowie Farmers' Market

The Farmers' Market is open and in full swing! Be sure to stop by the parking lot at Bowie High School Sunday mornings between 8 a.m. and noon.

Softball Game for Special Olympics Postponed until August

The softball game between the Bowie Police Department All-Stars and the Prince George's County All-Stars has been postponed until August 2nd. This game will be played at Prince George's Stadium after a Baysox game and will be a fundraiser for Special Olympics. For more information, please contact Sergeant Henderson at 301-575-1824 or email bhenderson@cityofbowie.org.

Upcoming Events

(See the complete list of this month's events at www.cityofbowie.org)

6/7 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – Bowie State University Community Jazz Band 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. Free.

6/10 – Community Walk Sponsored by the Bowie Green Team at 7 p.m. Get together with other Bowie residents for light to moderate exercise and learn something about the nature along the way. This week's walk begins at the *David Kerr Nature Trail (Kinderbrook Lane)* - Make a left onto Kinderbrook Lane from Kembridge Drive. Follow Kinderbrook Lane for about a half mile. The trail is on the left side of the road and is marked by a sign. Park on the street. The group will meet by the sign for the trail. The walk will take about 30 minutes.

6/13 – 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. Visit www.cityofbowie.org/habitat for a map of tour stops and the times each resident is available, and to obtain details about certifying your yard as a wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. For more information, contact Watershed Manager Tiffany Wright at twright@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3043.

6/14 – June Jam Skate Competition All day at Bowie Skate Park at Allen Pond Park. For more information visit www.cityofbowie.org/skatepark or call 301-809-3076 or email Matt Reno at mreno@cityofbowie.org.

6/14 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – Bowie Elks Flag Day Program - The Baywinds Band 6 p.m. (note special time) at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park.

6/15 – Anniversary Celebration and Open House at the Senior Center 12:30 p.m. The Bowie Senior Center celebrates 15 years at its present location this month. Join in the celebration! For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

6/15 – City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall. The final agenda for the meeting will be posted at www.cityofbowie.org on 6/11.

6/17 – Community Walk Sponsored by the Green Team at Governor Bridge Trail (7600 Governor Bridge Road) at 7 p.m. - The group will meet by the sign in the parking area before proceeding onto the trails. The walk will take 30 - 40 minutes.

6/20 – Paper Shredding and Styrofoam Recycling Event 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Bowie High School parking lot. For information, contact the City's Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.