



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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City Election - November 3, 2015

In November 2013, City voters approved an advisory question supporting four-year terms for the Mayor and City Council. Beginning this year, City elections will take place every fourth year in November. The next City election will be held **November 3, 2015**. The offices of Mayor and six Councilmembers will be up for election.

Residents who are registered voters can file for elected office in the Office of the City Clerk. Please call the City Clerk at **301-809-3029** in advance to verify filing eligibility requirements and to arrange a filing date and time. Filing forms can be downloaded from the City website at www.cityofbowie.org/elections. The last day to file for office of Mayor, Council Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 and for two At-Large seats is **October 2, 2015**.

For more information, contact the City Clerk at 301-809-3029 or ahernandez@cityofbowie.org.

Plastic Bags No Longer Accepted for Recycling

Due to a recent change at the facility where the City takes its recyclables, plastic bags are no longer acceptable items for the City's Residential Recycling Program. The City takes its collected recyclable materials to a facility in Capitol Heights. That facility no longer accepts plastic bags for recycling because the bags become tangled and cause problems with the recycling equipment.

While plastic bags can no longer go in your recycling bin or cart, there are some good alternatives for residents. Most grocery stores and other retailers like Best Buy, Home Depot, Kohl's, Lowe's, Macy's, Target, and Walmart will accept plastic bags for recycling. Or, perhaps this is just

the incentive you need to start using reusable bags when you shop. 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. You can also visit www.plasticfilm-recycling.org, which allows you to look up places that recycle plastic bags by Zip Code.

For more information about this change or any of our curbside collection services, please call 301-809-2344.



2015 Business Appreciation Award Honorees

During a breakfast ceremony on Wednesday, May 13, the City, in partnership with the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce, conducted the Eighth Annual Business Recognition Awards Breakfast. The following Bowie businesses were recognized:

- Incubator Business of the Year - Avant Garde Engineering Technology, Marcellus Major
- Entrepreneur of the Year - Gateway Title Company, Christina Garvey Berman
- Small Business of the Year - Diplomat Cleaners, Fred and Erika Policelli
- Community Service Award - Byrd & Byrd, LLC, Jackie and Toby Byrd
- Green Business of the Year - The Pink Orchid, Carmina Reynolds
- Business of the Year - Power Solutions, Jon Eugenio

Community Outreach Committee Grants

The City of Bowie Community Outreach Committee (COC) seeks grant applications that pertain to social service programs for youth, senior citizens and other underserved populations within the City. Applications can be submitted by individuals or organizations. At least 60% of the participants of any funded program must be City of Bowie residents. Project or programs should be conducted, whenever possible, within the Bowie City limits. Applications and information are available via the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org or by email at shein@cityofbowie.org. The deadline is **July 27, 2015**.

Ice Arena Opens July 6 for Summer Skating

It's a great place to beat the heat! The facility offers summer camps, group lessons, public sessions, birthday parties, pickup hockey, pickup figure skating and stick & puck sessions. For a calendar of activities or to view a brochure with registration information, please visit us online at www.cityofbowie.org or call **301-809-3090**.

Summer Skating Camps

- Small Skate - A half-day camp, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. during the weeks of July 27 and August 10, for children of all skating levels ages 3 - 6. Fee for Bowie residents is \$100.
- Summer Skate - A full-day camp, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. during the weeks of July 20 and August 17, for children of all skating levels ages 6 - 13. Fee for Bowie residents is \$200.
- Freestyle Skate - An advanced level speciality day camp, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. during the week of July 27. Fee for Bowie residents is \$250.

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.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a Community Service program that matches elderly (65+) and disabled residents with adults and organizations looking for ways to reach out and help someone in need. Volunteer activities include raking leaves and other yard work. For more information, contact Annette Esterheld, Community Outreach Specialist, at 301-575-5601 or aesterheld@cityofbowie.org.

People Are Hungry All Year Long

A gentle reminder that people need to eat every day of the year. We don't want anyone to go hungry. The Bowie Food Pantry shelves are getting very bare. Please donate at the Pantry (2614 Kenhill Drive), the Senior Center, the Municipal Gym or at one of the Sunday Sunset Concerts at Allen Pond Park.

Sunday Sunset Concert Series 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 mcortley@cityofbowie.org.

Saturday Concerts

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

Whose Wives Are They Anyway? 7/17 - 8/2 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: 301-805-0219 or www.bctheatre.com.

Chesapeake Bay City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through September 25. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours).

Rent Office Space at Kenhill Center Office space is available for rent to nonprofits. For more information, visit www.cityofbowie.org or contact 301-809-3014 or shein@cityofbowie.org.

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

SCHOOL'S OUT HISTORY FUN "GET IN THE GAME"

7/2, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion
Enjoy some early games! Free

TIME TRAVELERS "HORSIN' AROUND" STABLE FUN

7/8, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Belair Stable Free

MRS. RUMNEY'S HOUSEWIFERY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES

7/14, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Belair Mansion Ages 7-12 Reservations required \$20 pp. (includes lunch)

KIDS KABOOSE

7/21, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Bowie Railroad Museum
Ages 1-10 Free

TIME TRAVELERS

7/29, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Railroad Museum Free

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

PICKLEBALL

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

NIKE BASKETBALL CAMPS GIRLS CAMP

7/6 - 7/10 Ages 6-17

BOYS CAMP

7/20 - 7/24 Ages 6-17

Information: www.usssports-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.

HOT TOPICS: "DOCUMENTING YOUR LIFE THROUGH JOURNALS AND NOTEBOOKS"

7/21, 5:45 p.m.

APPLE COMPUTER CLUB (NEW)

Meets second and fourth Thursday of each month, 5 p.m. Open to all adults who are Apple product users.

INTERESTED IN JOINING A GROUP OR CLUB - Bonsai Club, Social Society, Computer Clubs, Healthy Lifestyles, Magic Club, Writers Group, Chess Club, Bridge, Pinochle, Mahjong, Scrabble, Table Tennis, Bid Whist and Scrabble? Contact the Center for information.

CITY COUNCIL

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