

Bowie News Flash

July 2015

News

Independence Day Holiday

All City facilities are closed on Friday, July 3rd and Saturday, July 4th for the Independence Day holiday. There will be no refuse or recycling collection on Friday, July 3rd. City facilities resume their normal weekend schedule on Sunday, July 5th.

Effective July 1st, Plastic Bags Can No Longer be Recycled at Curbside

Due to a recent change at the facility where the City takes its recyclables, we are no longer able to pick up plastic bags or any other kind of plastic sheeting with residential recycling. Plastic bags and plastic sheeting can be recycled at most grocery stores in Bowie and at other local retailers like Best Buy, Home Depot, Kohl's, Lowe's, Macy's, Target, and Walmart. For more information about this change or any of our curbside collection services, please call 301-809-2344.

Old Town Bowie Community Meeting – July 7th

Do you live or work in Old Town Bowie? Come discuss recent events and ongoing community needs at a meeting on Tuesday, July 7th at 7 p.m. at the Huntington Community Center. City of Bowie officials will be on hand to listen and to provide updates on Police Department activities and other initiatives for Old Town Bowie. You can also sign up for Alert Bowie, obtain voter registration information, and learn about City services and programs at this meeting.

Community Day at the Bowie Farmers' Market this Sunday, from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The Bowie Farmers' Market is open for the 2015 season. Sunday, July 5th is Community Day. Bowie Animal Control, the Bowie Police Department, and the Bowie Fire Department will be on hand. The market operates in the parking lot of the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts at Bowie High School, 15200 Annapolis Road on Sundays, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., through October 25, 2015. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

No City-sponsored Fireworks this Fourth of July

In 2012, the City of Bowie teamed up with the Bowie Baysox organization to bring what we hoped was a new Fourth of July tradition to Bowie, when City-sponsored fireworks were moved to the Prince George's Stadium. The change of venue was necessary because Allen Pond Park, which had been the scene of Fourth of July celebrations for decades, had become too small and too difficult to manage from a crowd perspective.

Unfortunately, the Bowie Baysox organization informed the City earlier this year that due

to conflicts with games this Fourth of July weekend, the Baysox would be unable to offer the stadium to the City for a Fourth of July celebration and fireworks display. This was an extremely disappointing turn of events for City officials who have hosted a Fourth of July celebration in Bowie for more than 40 years. 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 and are exploring alternatives for 2016 and beyond, including going back to Prince George's Stadium.

Information Wanted

The Bowie Police Department publishes Information Wanted Notices when they need your help with solving a crime or identifying a suspect who may have been caught on a surveillance camera during a crime. You can view the most recent notice about a theft from the CVS on Crain Highway and other Information Wanted Notices at www.cityofbowie.org/wanted.

Cop for a Day a Success

The Bowie Police Department's first ever Cop for a Day event raised approximately \$8,000 for Special Olympics and provided participants with a glimpse of what life can be like as a Police Officer. Check out photos and video from the event on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bowiemd.

Bowie Police Department Warns of Driveway Paving and Sealing Scam

The Bowie Police Department has become aware of a driveway paving and sealing scam occurring in the DC area and believes that a Bowie resident may have been a victim of the scam. This scam involves poor and/or unfinished work, i.e. coating driveways with black paint instead of a high-quality asphalt sealant as promised. Door-to-door sales are permitted in Bowie if the seller has registered with the City and received a Peddler's Permit. (Permits are issued to individuals not businesses, and every peddler must possess and display their Prince George's County and City of Bowie permit upon demand.) If you believe that the person you encounter does not have a City of Bowie Peddler's Permit, please call the City's Code Compliance Office, or if you think the individual is suspicious, please contact the Bowie Police Department or Prince George's County Non-Emergency Police Dispatch.

To verify if the seller is licensed, call Bowie Code Compliance at 301-809-3008 (Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.). To report a suspected scam or a suspicious individual going door-to-door, call Bowie Police at 301-575-2480 (Monday-Friday 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.) or the Non-Emergency Police Dispatch at 301-352-1200, Option 5.

Beat the Heat at the Bowie Ice Arena

The Ice Arena reopens July 6th after being closed for maintenance. Half-day and full-day camps are available for children, as well as learn-to-skate group lessons for children and adults. Call 301-809-3090 or visit www.cityofbowie.org/icearena for more information.

Energy Efficiency Assistance Program for City of Bowie Homeowners

In collaboration with other Prince George's County municipalities, the City of Bowie can offer funding to a few low to moderate income homeowners who are in need of house improvements that reduce utility bills, such as adding insulation or repairing a furnace. Don't wait to apply. If you are interested in this program, please contact the City's Sustainability Planner Kristin Larson as soon as possible at 301-809-3044 or klarson@cityofbowie.org to see if you meet eligibility requirements and to fill out an application.

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.

Become a Mentor

Bowie Youth and Family Services Teen Mentoring Program is accepting Mentor applications for the 2015-2016 school year. For more information or to apply, please contact Rhonda Simon at 301-809-3033.

Chesapeake Bay Exhibit

The newest City Hall Art Gallery exhibit features the Chesapeake Bay and runs through September 25. It is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are City Hall hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Walk on Wednesdays in July with Bowie's Green Team

The Bowie Green Team's Food, Health and Wellness Subgroup will be hosting weekly community walks on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. during the month of July. Walks are a fun and social opportunity for Bowie residents to get together for light to moderate exercise. They also highlight nature and many beautiful local walking trails. Participants should wear appropriate outdoor attire, bring water and arrive no later than 7:05 p.m. There will be a group leader decked out in green attire, in honor of the Bowie Green Team. The leader will have a Walk Wednesdays sign to help participants locate the starting point for the walk. For more information, contact Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 or klarson@cityofbowie.org. The following walks are planned:

- **July 1st at Allen Pond Park (3330 Northview Drive)** - The group will meet at the edge of the parking lot at the start of the walking path, and it will be approximately a 30 - 40 minute walk.
- **July 8th at David Kerr Nature Trail (Kinderbrook Lane)** - 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 is expected to take approximately 30 minutes.

- **July 15th at Governor Bridge Trail (7600 Governor Bridge Road)** - The group will meet by the sign in the parking area before proceeding onto the trails. The walk will take 30 - 40 minutes at this location.
- **July 22nd at Whitemarsh Park (6300 Crain Highway)** - The group will park in the parking lot by the head of the trail and will plan to walk for approximately 40 minutes.
- **July 29th at Bowie Town Center Pond, City Hall (15901 Excalibur Road)** - The group will meet at the front entrance of City Hall and then walk around to the butterfly waystation. The walk will be approximately 30 minutes.

Job Opening

The City of Bowie is seeking applicants for the following contract position:

- Temporary Forester (closes July 13, 2015)

For more information, visit www.cityofbowie.org/jobs.

Events

7/2 – School’s Out History Fun “Get In the Game” 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Enjoy some early games! Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

7/5 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *The Big Bang Theory Baltimore (Big Band Music)* 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. These concerts offer relaxing entertainment for the entire family. All concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

7/6 – City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall.

7/8 – Time Travelers “Horsin’ Around Stable Fun” 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Belair Stable. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

7/11 – Saturday Concert Series – *Project Natale (Jazz)* 4 - 6 p.m., Town Green Park, 9th Street (MD Route 564), Old Town Bowie. Each Saturday until 8/8. Concerts are canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

7/12 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *US Naval Academy Electric Brigade (Rock, Rhythm & Blues, Motown Sound)* 7 – 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park.

7/13 – City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall.

7/14 – Mrs. Rumney’s Housewifery School for Young Ladies 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Ages 7 - 12. Reservations required. \$20 per person (includes lunch). For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

7/17 - 8/2 – “Whose Wives Are They Anyway?” at Bowie Playhouse For tickets and information, www.bctheatre.com or 301-832-4819.

7/18 – Saturday Concert Series – *ilyAIMY (Folk Rock)* 4 - 6 p.m., Town Green Park, 9th Street (MD Route 564), Old Town Bowie. Each Saturday until 8/8.

7/19 - June Jam Skate Competition Advanced Division 6 - 9 p.m. at the Bowie Skate Park. Due to rain, the Advanced Division Competition of the June Jam had to be postponed. It is rescheduled for 7/19. Registration will take place at the event, beginning at 6 p.m. (\$20 cash). The band, *WiseEyes*, will provide music throughout the event.

7/19 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *Ambience (Rhythm & Blues)* 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park.

7/21 – Kids Kaboose 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun and games for youngsters ages 1-10. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

7/21 – Hot Topics at the Senior Center: “Documenting Your Life Through Journals and Notebooks” 5:45 p.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please call 301-809-2300.

7/25 – Saturday Concert Series – *Motor Driven (Classic Rock)* 4 - 6 p.m., Town Green Park, 9th Street (MD Route 564), Old Town Bowie. Concerts take place each Saturday until 8/8.

7/26 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *The Electric Company (Music of the 70s/80s)* 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park.

7/29 – Time Travelers 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Bowie Railroad Museum. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.