



# BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

The Official Newsletter of the City of Bowie

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## City Election - November 3, 2015

As of November 2015, City elections will take place every fourth year in November. The next City election will be **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, [www.cityofbowie.org/elections](http://www.cityofbowie.org/elections). Prior to the next City election, registered voters will receive Voter Notification Cards from the County with their polling locations. In the meantime, visit the City website, [www.cityofbowie.org/elections](http://www.cityofbowie.org/elections) to view a City map with all the polling locations.

**Absentee Ballots** In accordance with Section 6-30 of the City Code, any qualified voter of the City may make application for an absentee voting ballot for the City's upcoming election on November 3rd. The application may be obtained from the City Clerk's office or on the City's website [www.cityofbowie.org/elections](http://www.cityofbowie.org/elections).

### Dates to Remember:

- 10/2** Last day to register to vote at City Hall or County Board of Elections in order to vote in City Election. Last day to file for elected office.
- 10/13** Last day for candidate to withdraw from candidacy for office.
- 11/2** Last day to present application for Absentee Ballot to City Clerk (5 p.m.).
- 11/3** Election Day - Polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.



For more information, contact the City Clerk at 301-809-3029 or [ahernandez@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ahernandez@cityofbowie.org).

## Bowie Police Programs

**RAD** Women of all ages can learn strategies to better protect themselves with Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Training from the Bowie Police Department. Each training class consists of six three-hour sessions. Sessions take place on Monday or Wednesday nights (6:30 - 9:30 p.m.) and run for six weeks beginning in October. Classes are **free** to Bowie residents but space is limited. For more information or to register, call 301-575-2015 or email [cops@cityofbowie.org](mailto:cops@cityofbowie.org).

**Citizens' Police Academy** Applications are now being accepted for the initial class of the Academy, which will take place over the course of nine Tuesday evening sessions this fall. Topics will include, but are not limited to, tactical technical training, internal investigations, judgement enhanced training, citizen police interaction, and media relations. Complete the application online at [www.cityofbowie.org/citizenacademy](http://www.cityofbowie.org/citizenacademy). For more information, contact [cops@cityofbowie.org](mailto:cops@cityofbowie.org) or 301-575-2480.

**Bicycle Registration** Preregister your bike online at [www.cityofbowie.org/bikeregistry](http://www.cityofbowie.org/bikeregistry) and then bring the bike to the Bowie Police Department to complete the registration process and receive a sticker. In the event the bicycle is stolen, the information will remain in our database. Bicycle registration is free and only for Bowie residents. For more information, please contact [cops@cityofbowie.org](mailto:cops@cityofbowie.org).

**Prescription Drug Take Back** Saturday, **September 26**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Bowie Police Department, 15901 Excalibur Road. For information, call 301-575-2480.

## Animal Control - If Your Pet Goes Missing

Conduct a thorough search of your home and yard. Call for your pet while you canvass the neighborhood. Rattle or shake your pet's noise-making toys. Post a picture of your pet on Bowie's Animal Control Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/BowieAnimalControl](http://www.facebook.com/BowieAnimalControl) and the Lost & Found Pets of Prince George's County page, [www.facebook.com/pages/Lost-Found-Pets-of-PG-County-Md/298360213621232](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lost-Found-Pets-of-PG-County-Md/298360213621232). Contact local veterinarians, pet emergency hospitals, Bowie Animal Control (301-809-3002) and the Prince George's County AMD (301-780-7200). If your pet is found, notify all agencies, friends, and social media outlets and remove any flyers.

**Bowie's Budget in Brief** covering Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016, may be found on the Finance page of the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org/index.aspx?nid=147](http://www.cityofbowie.org/index.aspx?nid=147). The City's detailed budget is also available on the website.

## Youth & Family Services Offers Counseling, Groups and More

**Counseling** services are available for families with children in the home who are under 18 years of age and live in the City of Bowie or the greater Prince George's County metropolitan area.

The following **Groups** are offered at various times throughout the year: My Family and Me Separation/Divorce Group; Girls Count!; Active Parenting; ADHD Education; Social Skills for Elementary Aged Children; and Calm Confident Kids.

**Teen Job Bank** provides Bowie residents with referrals to Bowie teens for jobs like babysitting, snow shoveling, lawn and yard work, housework, etc. Teens must be 13-17 years old to sign up; call for information about applying. Adults, call to obtain names of teens who are willing to help you for a fee.

For more information, please call 301-809-3033 or visit the City's website at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

**Compost Bins** Compost bins may be purchased for \$20 at City Hall, when it is open, and during Special Event Days at the Bowie Farmers' Market. Payment by cash or check is accepted, but **after 5 p.m. and on Saturdays**, you may pay by **check only** (no cash accepted). City residents (in the incorporated limits) may purchase up to two bins per address, and they must be placed in backyards. For more details, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/compost](http://www.cityofbowie.org/compost). Questions? Contact Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 or [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org).

## Board and Committee Vacancies

Volunteers are needed for several City boards and committees: Administrative Review Board, Arts Committee, Community Outreach Committee, Community Recreation Committee, Diversity Committee, Education Committee, Board of Elections, Environmental Advisory Committee, Ethics Commission, Financial Advisory Committee, Information Technology Committee and Board of Personnel Appeals. Information on the role of each committee and how to apply for membership can be found on the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) or by calling the City Clerk at 301-809-3029.

## Veterans Corner

**Need help with benefits** - Service Officer available every Tuesday 7 - 9 p.m. at the DAV.

**Need general information** - American Legion (301-464-9814), 9605 Old Laurel-Bowie Road, Bowie MD 20715. Meets monthly, fourth (4th) Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

**The following organizations meet at the DAV Post (8205 Laurel-Bowie Road, Bowie MD 20715):**

- Marine Corps League (301-706-2491) - Meets monthly, second (2nd) Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
- VFW Post 8065 (301-464-3730) - Meets monthly, first (1st) Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
- DAV Post #7 (301-464-8899) - Meets monthly, second (2nd) Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

**For information on legislation, benefits and programs**, tune to the Veterans Forum on Bowie Cable TV Channel 11 (Verizon) or 77 (Comcast). Consult the guide for airing time.

**Once Upon a Mattress** 9/11 - 9/26 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information, contact Prince George's Little Theatre at 301-937-7458 or visit [www.pglit.org](http://www.pglit.org).

**Past and Present** Special Art Exhibit at Belair Mansion. Exhibit runs 9/21 - 11/22. Free and open to the public. Information: 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**Chesapeake Bay** City Hall Art Gallery. Exhibit runs through 9/25. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours). For more information, contact Annette Esterheld at 301-575-5601.

## MUSEUMS

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### CERAMICS IN THE CHESAPEAKE - SECOND TUESDAY LECTURE

9/8, 7:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

### SLAVERY AND RACE: THE NON-PC TOPIC

9/14, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Belair Mansion Led by Chris Haley of Maryland State Archives. Bring lunch, drinks provided. Reservations requested. Free

### KIDS KABOOSE

9/15, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 1-11 Free

### ROCHAMBEAU'S MARCH COMMEMORATION

9/26, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Reenactors, kids games, 18th century marketplace, sewing circle and history fun! 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. Similar to tennis, but with a lower net and a plastic whiffle-type ball.

### ROOM RENTALS

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

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, 9/19, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Information: 1-800-REDCROSS or [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

The Gym is **closed** for maintenance **September 1 - 7**.

## 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.

### NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH: CELEBRATE LIFE AT YOUR CENTER!

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

### GRANDPARENTS & GRANDCHILDREN STORYTIME

9/12, 10 - 11 a.m. Enjoy local children's authors and an ice cream treat. Register by 9/8.

### GREY MATTER: GET CLEAR ON THE AGING BRAIN

9/21, 9:45 a.m. Four sessions.

### FLU CLINIC

9/25, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Free for seniors with Medicare Part B.

Find Senior Center day trip information at [www.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter](http://www.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter).

## CITY COUNCIL

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