

# Bowie News Flash

**October 2015**

## **News**

### **Bowie Police Shine a Light on Domestic Violence in October**

The Bowie Police Department is joining with the Prince George's County Office of the Sheriff and other local law enforcement organizations to light up the night against domestic violence. During the month of October the Bowie Police Department will be lit in purple at night to raise awareness about the pervasiveness of domestic violence and the ongoing need to report and address it wherever it is found. Visit <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/Family/Resources/domestic-violence/Pages/default.aspx> for information about combatting domestic violence.

### **City Election – November 3, 2015**

The next City Election will take place on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The final list of candidates for City offices can be found at [www.cityofbowie.org/candidates](http://www.cityofbowie.org/candidates).

Those who live within the municipal limits of Bowie who are registered to vote through the Prince George's County Board of Elections are automatically registered to vote in City elections. Polling place information will be mailed to all registered voters prior to the election. For information about absentee ballots or serving as an election judge, please contact City Clerk Awilda Hernandez at 301-809-3029 or email [ahernandez@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ahernandez@cityofbowie.org).

### **Election Day Transportation for Seniors and the Disabled**

Transportation will be provided to the polls for seniors 55 and older, and for disabled adults, on November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call the Senior Center at 301-809-2300 by October 30<sup>th</sup> to schedule. Shuttle service will be provided to the Pin Oak, Evergreen and Willows communities from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Election Day.

### **New Farmers' Market in Town**

Now through the end of October, you can visit a new Farmers' Market on Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. at Town Green Park in Old Town Bowie. The Bowie Farmers' Market at Bowie High School will still be held on Sundays 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. through October 25, 2015.

### **New Youth & Family Services Groups Starting Now**

For registration, fees, and more information, please call 301-809-3033. Financial aid is available.

**Active Parenting Program for Parents** Focus on practical skills to help develop cooperation and responsibility in children, ages 5 - 16. Offered on four consecutive Mondays in October at 7 p.m.

**Calm Confident Kids** The goal of this group is to help return some of the fun of childhood for kids, ages 7-10, who worry too much. We will talk about various worries and anxieties and practice strategies to help overcome fears and maintain calm. Beginning in October.

**Girls Count** Weekly group for high school girls, ages 14-18. Participants will learn to nurture themselves, share issues they face each day, and find their inner strengths. Beginning in October.

### **Plant a Tree this Fall**

Tree rebates of \$50 and \$100 are available for City of Bowie residents to purchase up to two trees to plant on their property. Trees must be purchased at Patuxent Nursery (2410 Crain Hwy., Bowie, MD). There are 11 species of trees eligible. Details can be found at [www.cityofbowie.org/treerebate](http://www.cityofbowie.org/treerebate) or applications are available at the nursery. Call 301-809-3044 for more information.

### **Bowie Art Exhibits**

**CityScope** – City Hall Art Gallery. Exhibit runs through 11/13. Free and open to the public. For information, contact Annette Esterheld at 301-575-5601 or [aesterheld@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityofbowie.org).

**Past and Present** – Special Art Exhibit at Belair Mansion. Exhibit runs through 11/22. Free and open to the public. For information, contact [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3089.

### **Call for Artwork**

The Bowie Arts Committee will sponsor an exhibit featuring artwork that captures the four seasons. All submitted art should represent the four distinct times of the year along with any scenes, events, or any activities associated with those four seasons. Digital entries and forms due October 16, 2015. The exhibit will be on view from November 16, 2015 through February 12, 2016. For more information, contact Annette Esterheld at [aesterheld@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityofbowie.org).

### **Arts and Education Grants Available**

The City has arts grants available for individuals or groups that would like to offer art projects such as public performances, art workshops, or a group art opportunity for Bowie residents. Education grants are also available to individuals, parent-teacher organizations, schools and others that have new and creative ideas for projects and programs to enrich the learning experiences of students in Bowie schools.

The application deadline for arts grants is Friday, October 16, 2015 at 5 p.m. The deadline for education grants is Friday, October 23, 2015 at 5 p.m. For more information about either grant program, contact Annette Esterheld at [aesterheld@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityofbowie.org) or 301-575-5601. The application forms may be found at [www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms](http://www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms).

### **Applications Being Accepted for Senior Citizens "Green" Housing Rehab Program**

The Senior Citizen "Green" Housing Rehabilitation Program is a federally funded grant program that provides financial assistance to single family senior citizen homeowners with limited financial means. The purpose of the grant is to provide energy efficiency related upgrades and repairs to correct hazardous conditions, eliminate safety hazards, repair or replace major systems, correct interior and exterior deficiencies, energy improvements, modifications for persons with disabilities and eliminate lead based paint hazards. Applications are now being accepted until November 16, 2015 for this program. Please visit [www.cityofbowie.org/grants](http://www.cityofbowie.org/grants), email or call 301-809-3051 for more information.

### **Funds Still Available for Community Outreach Grants**

The grant application deadline for the 2015 - 2016 grant year has been extended. Funds of up to \$4,000 are available to fund additional Community Outreach Committee grant proposals. The grant application includes an explanation of the procedures and focus of the grants. Deadline for submission is December 1, 2015. Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms](http://www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms) for details.

### **Get Ready to Shake Out! The Great Southeast Earthquake Drill**

Residents, local businesses and organizations are encouraged to participate in the 2015 Great Southeast ShakeOut Earthquake Drill on October 15, 2015 at 10:15 a.m. Emergency agencies are working to educate the public with tips about what to do before, during, and after an earthquake. Despite what you might have heard in the past, the best way to keep safe if the ground starts shaking is to drop, cover, and hold on. Visit [www.Shakeout.org/southeast](http://www.Shakeout.org/southeast) to learn more and practice how to be quake-safe with the rest of the Southeast. The life you save may be your own.

### **Volunteer Mentor Opportunity**

The City of Bowie Youth & Family Services Prevention Network is now accepting applications for its mentoring program. As a volunteer mentor to a Bowie High School student, you will spend one hour a week building a positive relationship with him/her. Your involvement has the potential to change the course of a teen's high school experience, his/her life, and your community. For more information contact: Rhonda Simon, Program Coordinator, at 301-809-3033 or Andra Berry, Prevention Coordinator, at 301-809-3080 or email [mentor@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mentor@cityofbowie.org).

### **Tip a Cop Event at Red Robin to Benefit Special Olympics**

The Bowie Police Department, in coordination with the Maryland Law Enforcement Torch Run, is hosting a Tip-A-Cop event at Red Robin Restaurant at Bowie Town Center on October 24, 2015 to benefit Special Olympics of Maryland. Law enforcement officers and department personnel will be on hand as "celebrity waiters" to collect tips with all proceeds benefiting Special Olympics of Maryland. The fundraiser will take place Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and from 4 - 8 p.m. at the Bowie Red Robin located at 15650 Excelsior Drive, Bowie, MD.

### **Halloween Trick or Treat - Saturday, October 31**

Halloween is Saturday, October 31st. Suggested hours for trick or treating are 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The Bowie Police Department reminds trick or treaters and their parents to watch out for cars, carry a flashlight, and check all treats carefully. If you are on the roads on Halloween, drive carefully and watch out for ghosts and goblins and other costumed creatures.

### **Curbside Leaf Collection Begins Monday, November 2, 2015**

The City's curbside leaf collection service begins November 2. Each residential neighborhood will have two collection dates. Residents should rake leaves into piles at the edge of their grass for pickup by the City crews. Collection will take place from approximately 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. according to the Leaf Collection Schedule. Crews will work rain or shine. However, in the event of snow or ice storms, leaf collection will be temporarily suspended, as the trucks and crews will be redeployed to salt or plow City streets. Some sections of the City are listed on two consecutive days. Leaves should be put out on the first day listed. Due to expected volume, these sections may take more than one day to complete. The complete schedule is at the end of this document or can be viewed at [www.cityofbowie.org/leafsched](http://www.cityofbowie.org/leafsched).

## **Events**

**10/13 – The Devil Hath Been Raised: Witchcraft in Colonial New England – Second Tuesday Lecture** 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**10/16 - 11/14 – “The Music Man” at Bowie Playhouse** Produced by 2nd Star Productions. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and matinees are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. For tickets, [www.2ndstarproductions.com](http://www.2ndstarproductions.com) or call 301-832-4819.

**10/17 – Weed Warrior Work Day** 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Whitmarsh Park. The City’s Green Team is in need of volunteers to help remove invasive English ivy from trees at Whitmarsh Park. To participate, please register by contacting Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 or [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org). This is a great Student Service Learning opportunity.

**10/17 – Compost Workshop for Beginners** 10 - 11 a.m. at City Hall. Learn how to compost at this free workshop. Notify Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 or [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org) if you plan to attend. Discounted \$20 compost bins will be available for Bowie residents to purchase after the workshop. **Two bins are allowed per Bowie address.**

**10/19 – So Serve It Up: What’s on the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Table** 12 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**10/19 – City Council Regular Meeting - 8 p.m. at City Hall.**

**10/20 – Kids Kaboose** 10:30 a.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](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**10/24 - Tip a Cop Event at Red Robin at Bowie Town Center.** Proceeds benefit Special Olympics of Maryland. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 to 8 p.m.

**10/25 – “Octoberfest” at Bowie Farmers’ Market** 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the parking lot of the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts at Bowie High School. Free scarecrow making (participants must supply a long-sleeved shirt and trousers). Free pumpkin painting (pumpkins are available for purchase at market). Activities start at 10 a.m. For more information, please contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

**10/30 – Harvest Festival at the Senior Center** 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Celebrate Fall with music and refreshments. Registration and fee required. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**10/31 – Halloween On Ice Party** 1 - 3 p.m. at the Ice Arena. Wear a costume or bring a canned good for free admission. Music, games, skating, costume contest and treat bags for all in costume 13 years of age and under. For more information, please contact the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090.

**10/31 – Halloween Trick or Treating** – Suggested hours in Bowie are 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

## 2015 Leaf Collection Schedule

Section	1st Collection	2nd Collection
Adnell (City Portion Only)	11/9	12/10
Amber Meadows	11/24	12/17
Ashleigh	11/18	12/15
Ashleigh Station	11/18	12/15
Belair Greens	11/25	12/16
Belair Town 1	11/19	12/16
Belair Town 2	11/17	12/8
Buckingham	11/9	12/1
Chapel Forge	11/10	12/2
Collington Station/Manor	11/18	12/15
Covington Manor	11/23	12/17
Derbyshire	11/9	11/30
Devonshire	11/18	12/15
Dixon Crossing	11/16	12/15
Enfield (Excluding Townhomes)	11/13	12/4
Fairview	11/13	12/4
Forest Hills	11/5	12/4
Foxhill	11/2	12/3
Glen Allen	11/23	12/17
Grady's Walk	11/18	12/15
Grovehurst	11/18	12/15
Hamptons	11/18	12/15
Harvey Manor	11/9	12/10
Heather Hills	11/9	12/9
Highbridge Park	11/16	12/15
Huntington	11/9 <i>11/10 for areas not completed on 11/9</i>	12/10
Huntington Crest	11/9	12/10
Idlewild	11/3 <i>11/4 for areas not completed on 11/3</i>	11/30
Kenilworth	11/4 <i>11/5 for areas not completed on 11/4</i>	11/30
Long Leaf	11/25	12/17
Long Ridge	11/2	11/24 <i>11/25 for aread not completed on 11/24</i>
Meadowbrook	11/19	12/16
Mitchellville East	11/23	12/17
Northridge	11/13	12/10
Northview	11/23	12/14
Oaktree	11/24	12/15
Old Chapel	11/19	12/16
Old Chapel Estates	11/19	12/16
Old Stage	11/16	12/8
Overbrook	11/3	12/1
Patuxent Overlook	11/25	12/17
Peach Preserve	11/23	12/17
Pointer Ridge	11/12	12/7
Rockledge	11/17	12/14
Rolling Hills	11/16 <i>11/17 only portions not completed on 11/16</i>	12/10
Saddlebrook	11/17	12/14
Somerset	11/2 <i>11/3 for areas not completed on 11/2</i>	11/25
Spring Meadows	11/18	12/15
Stewarts Landing	11/16	12/15
Tall Oaks	11/5	12/2
Ternberry	11/18	12/15
Tulip Grove	11/3	12/3
Victoria Heights	11/9	12/1
Westview	11/18	12/15
Whitehall	11/10	12/9
Woodmore Estates	11/18	12/15
Woodmore Highlands	11/18	12/15
Yorktown	11/17	12/8

Schedule permitting, City crews may work ahead to collect leaves already at the side of the road in order to address poor impending weather conditions or heavy leaf volume. Whenever this occurs all streets will be re-visited on the scheduled date to collect any leaves raked out in the interim.