



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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The Malcolm "Skip" Popp Award

The City is accepting nominations for the Malcolm "Skip" Popp Award. This award recognizes Scouts and/or Scout Leaders who have rendered "extraordinary and distinguished" community service within Scout organizations in the City during calendar year 2015. To be eligible for this award, Scouts or Scout Leaders must be affiliated with a Scouting group within the limits of the City of Bowie, and/or a Scouting group for which 50% or more of their youth members are City of Bowie residents. They must also be registered with the Boy Scouts of America or Girl Scouts, USA. Please see nomination form for details regarding eligibility criteria and information required. This year's deadline is **Friday, March 25, 2016**.

Nomination forms, with the guidelines, may be obtained on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org, or at City Hall. Questions may be directed to the Popp Award Program Chairperson Sharon Hunt at shunt1@verizon.net or 301-802-0714, or Sally Hein at shein@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3014.

Help Develop the City's Next Strategic Plan

The Mayor and Council are putting together a new strategic plan to guide the City's work for the next five years. Two community meetings will be held in March to get advice and ideas from residents to help create the plan. Dates and locations for the meetings are:

- **Saturday, March 12**, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Kenhill Center
- **Thursday, March 17**, 7 - 9:30 p.m. at Pointer Ridge Elementary School

Residents are encouraged to attend one of the sessions to share thoughts about actions the City should consider over the next several years to make Bowie an even greater place to live. For more information, contact Assistant City Manager John Fitzwater at 301-809-3075.

Green Bowie for Spring

CSA Fair and Organic Gardening Workshop

The Bowie Green Team will host this program at City Hall Saturday, **March 12**, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. The program will begin with local Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farmers, who sell freshly produced and organically grown food directly to customers. Come meet these farmers and sign up to receive more information. The second part of the program will be a workshop for suburban gardeners providing information about organic and non-toxic gardening practices.

Weed Warrior Work Day **March 20**, 2 - 5 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. This is a great Student Service Learning opportunity.

Spring Stream Cleanup The City will hold its annual Stream Cleanup on Saturday, **April 2**, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., rain or shine (unless there is lightning). Stream teams walk along select streams across the City and pick up trash and litter that would otherwise wash down to the Patuxent River and head towards the Chesapeake Bay. Cleanup days are a great time for Bowie residents and their families to get out into the environment and experience nature while working to protect Bowie's water resources. We will provide all necessary supplies. You just need to have sturdy shoes or boots, long sleeves, water, and fun!

Eligible students will earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours, and Scouts will receive a Green Bowie patch or year bar. To nominate a stream for cleaning or to register for the cleanup, contact Tiffany Wright at twright@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3043.

Animal Control

The Bowie Animal Control Office is available to all pet owners with questions regarding pet ownership. We extend to members of the community information on the various animal welfare resources available in the area, including pet rescue, microchipping and low cost spay and neuter programs. Our goal is to foster a responsible, healthy relationship between you and your pet. For more information, contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002 or slopez@cityofbowie.org.

Water Quality Report

The 2015 City of Bowie Water Quality Report is available. Go to www.cityofbowie.org/wqr to view it and learn more about the source and quality of your City of Bowie drinking water. If you would like a paper copy mailed to you, please call 301-809-3060.

Bowie Police Host RAD Training for Seniors

The Bowie Police Department is hosting RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) for Seniors self-defense class Monday and Wednesdays, **March 21 - April 20**. The course offers awareness and defense strategies for older adults in a relaxed environment that is conducive to learning tested instructional techniques, proven tactics, and unique insights about the problems unique to older adults. The program also includes physical defense workouts for technique development and educational components to assist with the development of defensive strategies. The course is not limited to Seniors, but is based on mobility. If you are interested, please contact 240-544-5700 or cops@cityofbowie.org to sign up for the class.

Parade The City's **Memorial Day Parade** Committee is planning this year's parade, which will take place **Saturday, May 28** beginning at 11 a.m. There is still time to sign your organization up to participate in this fun and patriotic event! For information, go to www.cityofbowie.org, and put Memorial Day Parade in the search section or contact Matt Corley at mcorley@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3078.

Bike to Work Day 2016

Friday, 5/20, 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. at two Bowie Pit Stops - Bowie Town Center Food Court and Old Town Bowie Fire Station. A free event full of food, fun and prizes. Register beginning **3/15** at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org or call 800-745-7433. For information, contact Frank Stevens at 301-809-3053 or fstevens@cityofbowie.org.

Imagine an Hour that Impacts a Lifetime, Imagine Mentoring

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 Greater Bowie area, you have the power to change your life and the life of a teen. The Bowie Youth & Family Services Teen Mentoring Program can help you do just that. When you volunteer to mentor a Bowie High School student, you will spend one hour a week building a positive relationship with a student. Mentoring has the potential to change the course of a teen's high school experience, his/her life, and your community. For information and to apply, visit the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org, select Community Services/Youth and Family Services, or contact Volunteer Coordinator Rhonda Simon at mentor@cityofbowie.org or call 301-809-3033.

An Act of the Imagination 3/4 - 3/20 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information - 301-805-0219 or www.bctheatre.com.

Youth Art Show City Hall Art Gallery exhibit featuring youth artists from area schools. Show runs through April 22, 2016. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours). The public is invited to a reception on March 16 for the artists.

Arts & Education Scholarships Arts Scholarship applications are on the City's website under Arts, www.cityofbowie.org. Education Scholarship applications are available at area high schools.

Bowie's Brightest Educators Nominate an educator at a Bowie school to be honored. Information & nomination forms are on the City's website under Education, www.cityofbowie.org.

For more information, contact Annette Esterheld at aesterheld@cityofbowie.org or 240-544-5601.

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

STITCH SOME HISTORY! 3/3, 3/6, 3/8, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Ages 10 and up are invited to participate in our quilt making project. Ages under 10 can enjoy our kids quilt activities in the sunroom! Free

WHITE HOUSE WEDDINGS - SECOND TUESDAY LECTURE 3/8, 7:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

ANNUAL LADIES' HISTORY DAY 3/12, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Lectures, conversation, and cordial making. Bring your lunch, drinks provided. \$25/person; reservations required.

KIDS KABOOSE 3/15, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 1 - 10. Free

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

NIKE SPRING BREAK BASKETBALL CAMP 3/28 - 4/1 Coed, ages 6 - 17. Information: 1-800-645-3226

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL Fridays, 11 a.m. Drop in, coed.

PICKLEBALL Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 - 11 a.m. Offered in partnership with the Senior Center.

WALKING PROGRAM Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 10 a.m.

SENIOR FIT Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 - 10 a.m. For information, call Sara McKechnie at 301-754-7895.

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

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.

NATURE WALK
3/2, 10 a.m.

"DANCE INTO SPRING" PARTY
3/18, 12:30 - 2 p.m. Register by 3/14 \$4 residents and \$5 non-residents

SUDOKU WORKSHOP
3/23, 10 and 11 a.m.

"PETER PAN" AT TOBY'S DINNER THEATRE
3/30, 9:45 a.m. \$54 residents and \$59 nonresidents. Guests ages 5 years and older welcome.

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