



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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Celebrate Spring in Bowie

Celebrate the City's 100 years with 100 ideas for Bowie's future at the **ImagineBowie Celebration** on Tuesday, **May 17**, 5 - 9 p.m. at City Hall. This open house features a collection of images from Bowie's past and present along with a list of goals developed by you for Bowie's Sustainability Plan. Attendees can provide final thoughts on the Plan by participating in event activities. And everyone is invited to take a pledge for the future of Bowie. For information, contact Kristin Larson at klarson@cityofbowie.org. To register, visit www.imaginebowiecelebration.eventbrite.com.

Plant a Tree. Tree rebates of \$50 and \$100 are available for City of Bowie residents who would like to purchase up to two trees to plant on their property. Trees must be purchased at Patuxent Nursery (2410 Crain Hwy, Bowie, MD), and there are 11 species of trees eligible for rebates. More details can be found at www.cityofbowie.org/treerebate and applications are available at the nursery. Call 301-809-3044 for additional information.

Code Corner

Noisy Neighbors – There will be a lot of outdoor activity in the following months. Residents and their guests should respect the rights of others to a peaceful and quiet environment. They should refrain from making any loud or raucous sound which unreasonably disturbs others nearby. Lawn maintenance equipment may be operated Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday - Sunday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. The same hours apply for playing music, parties and other events.

Door-to-Door Solicitors – Persons going door-to-door offering a free estimate, selling merchandise or taking orders are required to possess a City of Bowie solicitor's license. A license is issued to the individual and is to be displayed upon demand. Report unlicensed solicitors to the Code Compliance Office, 301-809-3008. Aggressive solicitors should be reported to the Bowie Police Department.

Bowie Youth and Family Services offers counseling for all families in the City who have children in the home who are high school age or younger. We also provide groups for parents, children and teens on a variety of topics. Other services include outreach activities and a mentoring program for students at Bowie High School. Staff members are licensed clinicians who each hold a Master's or Doctoral Degree in a mental health specialty and who have years of training and experience in treating children, teens and their families. Call **301-809-3033** for information or an appointment.

Teen Job Bank – Bowie Youth and Family Services sponsors a Teen Job Bank, where residents can find Bowie youth who are looking for opportunities to make extra money, either on an occasional or a regular basis. Residents may use this service to find teens that can help with tasks such as lawn mowing, babysitting, organizing, shopping or other chores. The particulars of the job and the fees per hour are determined by you and the teen. You may access this program by completing the Teen Job Bank resident application found on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org or by calling us at 301-809-3033.

Imagine an Hour that Impacts a Lifetime

Join the Teen Mentoring Program provided by Bowie Youth & Family Services, in cooperation with Bowie High School. Volunteers give an hour per week building relationships and making a positive difference in the lives of the High School students, their families, and the community. If you would like to join this dynamic team of volunteers, please email Rhonda Simon, Volunteer Coordinator, at mentor@cityofbowie.org or call 301-809-3033.

Rain Barrels Across Bowie

Do you have a rain barrel and live in Bowie? We'd like to know! The City's Planning Department keeps track of rain barrels that are installed at residents' homes to estimate stormwater reductions for its stormwater permit. If you haven't "registered" your rain barrel, please contact the City's Watershed Manager Tiffany Wright (301-809-3043 or twright@cityofbowie.org) with your address (for mapping) and how many gallons your rain barrel holds. Don't have one? Join the Bowie Lions Club and the City at a **Rain Barrel Workshop** on Wednesday, **May 11** at 7 p.m. at the Kenhill Center. The Lions will have their 55-gallon barrels for sale as part of its fundraising efforts, and all proceeds stay in Bowie. If you can't make it, you can still purchase one by contacting them at 301-262-2665 or visit your local home improvement store or nursery.

2016 Mosquito Control Program

The Maryland Department of Agriculture provides mosquito control services to the Bowie area. The mosquito control program for 2016 began with larviciding in March and will continue into September.

Each neighborhood has been scheduled for adult mosquito surveillance and possible spraying (see www.cityofbowie.org for schedule). A resident wishing to exclude their property from adult mosquito control spraying must submit a request to the Maryland Department of Agriculture Mosquito Control Office, 301-422-5080 or www.mda.state.md.us.

The tiger mosquito has become a major pest in this area. They can breed in any standing water. To prevent breeding areas, water should be changed weekly in birdbaths and wading pools, and daily in pet dishes. Gutters should be cleaned at least twice a year. Other water-holding containers should be disposed of or stored upside down. Keep grass short and brush cut back to limit areas where adult mosquitoes can rest. Stock ornamental ponds with fish that will eat mosquito larvae. To report a mosquito problem, contact the City's Public Works Department at 301-809-2336 or ebenkert@cityofbowie.org.

Memorial Day Parade

5/28, Begins at 11 a.m. at the Bowie High School Annex, turns right on Belair Drive and continues right onto Sussex Lane, then makes a right onto Stonybrook Drive. The parade then turns left onto Sage Lane. Sussex Lane and Acorn Hill Park are great locations to view the parade. The reviewing stand will be located on Stonybrook Drive at Acorn Hill Park, along with the concession stands and restrooms. For more information, 301-809-3078 or www.cityofbowie.org.

Farmers' Market

Opens! 5/15, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Bowie High School Parking Lot (15200 Annapolis Road), each Sunday through October 30, 2016. For information, 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

June Jam Skate

Competition 6/12, 12 - 6 p.m. at Bowie Skate Park at Allen Pond Park. For information: www.cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3086.

Bike to Work Day

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. Register at www.biketowork-metrodc.org or call 800-745-7433. Preregister by 5/13 for free T-shirt & bike raffle. Information: Frank Stevens at 301-809-3053 or fstevens@cityofbowie.org.



Sunday Sunset Concert Series

Begin 5/29, 7 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Concerts every Sunday through 9/4. Canceled in inclement weather. For information: www.cityofbowie.org, 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Bowie Ice Arena

offers summer skating camps and group lessons beginning in July. Information: www.cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3090. The Ice Arena is closed for annual maintenance during May and June.

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

BOWIE HISTORY - CENTENNIAL EVENT 5/7, 2 p.m., Bowie Library. Free.

ROSIE THE RIVETER VISITS BELAIR - CENTENNIAL EVENT 5/11, 7 p.m., Belair Mansion. Free.

NATIONAL TRAIN DAY - CENTENNIAL EVENT 5/14, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Bowie Railroad Museum. Free.

BOWIE HERITAGE DAY - CENTENNIAL EVENT 5/15, 12 - 4 p.m., Belair Mansion, Belair Stable, Bowie Railroad Museum and Genealogy Library. Free.

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY PICNIC AND SING! 5/15, 5 - 8 p.m., Allen Pond Park. Bring your supper. No alcohol. Free.

KIDS KABOOSE 5/17, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Bowie Railroad Museum. Ages 1-10. Free.

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

SCHOOL'S ALMOST OUT TEEN EVENT

6/3, 8 - 11 p.m. DJ, games, door prizes, food, basketball and more. Tickets \$5, available at Gym beginning 5/1.

NIKE BASKETBALL CAMPS: GIRLS CAMP

7/11 - 7/15 Ages 6-17

BOYS CAMP

7/25 - 7/29 Ages 12-17

8/1 - 8/5 Ages 12-17

Information: www.usports-camps.com/basketball or 1-800-NIKECAMP.

5 STAR BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

7/18 - 7/22 Ages 9-15

Information: 301-762-2121 or info@5starbasketball.com.

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.

CAPITAL REEDS PERFORMANCE 5/5, 6 p.m. at Senior Center. Free.

SENIOR CHORALE CONCERT

5/18, 4 p.m. and 5/19, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center.

5/25, 7:30 p.m. at Bowie Center for Performing Arts.

Contact Senior Center for tickets for all shows.

INFORMATION FAIR: AGING IN AMERICA - IT'S OKAY

5/25 - 5/27 Contact the Center for more details.

INTERGENERATIONAL TRIP: NATIONALS VS. CUBS

6/15, 2:30 - 8:30 p.m. Ages 5 and up. \$70 resident, \$74 non-resident.

CITY COUNCIL

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David J. Deutsch
301-809-3030

Guys and Dolls 5/27 - 6/25 at the Bowie Playhouse. For tickets: 301-832-4819 or www.2ndstarproductions.com.

Driven to Abstraction City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through June 18. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours).

More Books Needed! The Bowie Education Committee is collecting books to be given to children at Bowiefest on June 6 - please donate new or gently used. For more information, please contact Community Outreach Specialist Annette Esterheld at aesterheld@cityofbowie.org or 301-575-5601.