

# Bowie News Flash

**May 2016**

## **News**

### **Bowie Centennial**

The opening ceremony for Bowie's yearlong celebration of its Centennial took place on a beautiful Saturday morning in mid-April and was attended by approximately 250 residents and former residents. During the ceremony a sign was unveiled naming the recreational area behind City Hall as Centennial Park. Many thanks to the Tulip Grove Elementary School Chorus and the Bowie High School Marching Band for performing during the event and a special thank you to Ms. Fannie Basim, 96-year resident of Old Bowie, for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.



Learn more about what we have planned for our yearlong celebration by visiting [www.cityofbowie.org/centennial](http://www.cityofbowie.org/centennial) or calling 301-809-3089. You may also purchase a Centennial mug or other commemorative merchandise at the gift shop in the Belair Mansion, Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

### **Low Cost Rabies Vaccination Clinic - May 1**

Maryland State law requires that all dog, cat, and ferret pet owners get their pets vaccinated against rabies by four months of age and that the vaccinations be kept current throughout the life of the pet. The SPCA/Humane Society of Prince George's County is offering a low cost shot clinic on Sunday, May 1 from 1 - 3 p.m. at its location on 8210 D'Arcy Road, Forestville, MD. The cost is \$10 for rabies shots and \$10 for distemper shots. Only cash or credit card will be accepted for payment. Pets must be leashed or in a carrier. For more information, please call 301-262-5625.

### **Community Garden Volunteers Needed**

Did you know that for the past two years a community garden has operated on behalf of the Bowie Food Pantry at the Kenhill Center? It has raised an estimated \$7,000 in fresh produce and provided Pantry clients with an excellent source of vegetables. The garden has been maintained by a group of diligent volunteers, but more help is needed. If you would like to join the gardening team, please contact the Bowie Food Pantry at [bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com) or call 301-262-6765.

### **Reminder – No Plastic Bags for Yard Waste**

Yard waste is picked up at curbside every Wednesday in Bowie. As you work in your yard this spring, please remember that grass cuttings, leaves, and twigs can never be put out in plastic bags. Instead please use paper bags or trash cans.

Small branches and tree limbs up to four feet long and four inches in diameter must be tied into bundles or put into containers (maximum of 50 lbs.). Larger tree limbs and branches must be cut down to 18 - 24" lengths and be no larger than 24" in diameter. They must be stacked neatly at the curb (50 lbs. max each).

### **City of Bowie Job Vacancies**

The City of Bowie is currently seeking candidates for the following positions:

- **Crew Leader** - Parks & Grounds Division, Community Services Department  
(Closes 5/6/16)
- **Park Attendant** - Community Services Department  
(Open until filled)

For more information about the positions listed above or to apply online, please visit [www.cityofbowie.org/jobs](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobs).

### **Bowie Marketplace on the Web**

Interested in keeping up with proposal for residential housing at Bowie Marketplace? Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/marketplace](http://www.cityofbowie.org/marketplace) where you will find information about the project, including notes and videos from the two Stakeholders Meetings held earlier this spring and the Traffic Study commissioned by the developer. This page will be updated as new information becomes available.

### **Hydrant Flushing Ends May 3**

The Bowie Public Works Department will continue its annual fire hydrant flushing and testing program in areas served by City water. Hydrant flushing will occur from approximately 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., according to the following schedule:

- April 29 Yorktown & Overbrook
- May 2 Whitehall
- May 3 Rockledge

Some discoloration of your water may occur and clothes washing is discouraged. If your clothes become discolored, keep them wet and rewash them using a rust remover. Rust remover will be available, at no cost, from City Hall and Public Works offices. The water is safe for drinking and bathing even though it may be discolored. The discoloration is a result of rust and sediment buildup in the water lines and is not harmful. The discoloration should clear in approximately 24 hours. However, since the water mains are all interconnected, flushing of hydrants in adjacent sections could affect your water as well. For more information, please call the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.

### **Celebrate Heritage Day May 15, 2016**

It's the City's Centennial year! Learn about Bowie's heritage on Sunday, May 15 from 12 - 4 p.m. and enjoy free pony rides, balloon hats, animals from the Big Purple Barn, hands on fun and crafts at Belair Stable; tours at the Mansion; NTrack Modelers and the Lego Lady at the Railroad Museum; and open house at the Genealogy Library. All free. For more information, please contact the Museums Office at 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

### **Centennial Community Picnic and Sing**

You're invited to a Community Picnic and Sing on Sunday, May 15, from 5 - 8 p.m. Bring your supper or buy food from a food truck that will be at the park, meet your neighbors, listen to the music offered by seven local choirs and two bands, and enjoy Allen Pond Park! This is a family friendly celebration – no alcohol please. Admission is free. For more information, please contact the Museums Office at 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

### **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 at 240-544-5700.

### ***Driven to Abstraction* Art Exhibit**

The current City Hall Art Gallery exhibit runs through June 18. It is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are City Hall hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

### **Draft Annual Action Plan Available for Review and Comment April 21 - May 5**

As an Entitlement Community under HUD's federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the City of Bowie solicits public participation in the development of the Annual Action Plan every fiscal year. A Public Hearing was held on Monday, April 14, 2016 and another Public Hearing is scheduled for May 16 at 8 p.m. during the City Council Meeting at City Hall.

The Annual Action Plan provides the City's planned programs and resource allocations for implementing the goals and objectives outlined in the Five Year Strategic Plan included in the Consolidated Plan for Community Development (Con Plan). The Con Plan identifies community needs and proposed solutions in the areas of Housing, Special Needs, Economic Development, and Non-Housing Community Development.

The City's CDBG program is the Senior Citizen "Green" Housing Rehabilitation Program. This program is available for all senior citizens throughout the City. Visit Senior Citizen "Green" Housing Rehabilitation to learn more about the program. The Draft Annual Action Plan is available for review and comment April 21 to May 5, 2016 online, as well as at City Hall, the Bowie Senior Center, Bowie Public Libraries, and M-NCPPC Community Centers in Bowie. [Draft FY 2017 Annual Action Plan](#)

### **Don't be a Noisy Neighbor**

There will be a lot of outdoor activity in the coming 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 sounds which unreasonably disturb others nearby. Lawn maintenance equipment may be operated Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. The same hours apply for playing music, parties, and other events. For more information, contact the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008.

**ImagineBowie Mixer:** Learn about healthy food and socially responsible investing at the ImagineBowie Mixer on May 12 at DuClaw Brewing Company from 6 - 8p.m. Two speakers from Green America will give educational presentations. The first presentation will be about ways to improve food safety. The second will be about socially responsible investing, a strategy that considers financial gain and social good. DuClaw's Thursday food and drink specials will be available for purchase during the talk. Register at [www.greenamericamixer.eventbrite.com](http://www.greenamericamixer.eventbrite.com).

### **Plant a Tree This Spring for Beauty, Shade, and Privacy**

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), and there are 11 species of trees eligible for rebates. More details can be found at [www.cityofbowie.org/treerebate](http://www.cityofbowie.org/treerebate) and applications are available at the nursery. Call 301-809-3044 for additional information.



**RAD Self-Defense Training Course**

The Bowie Police Department is pleased to offer another RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) awareness and physical defense training class for adults. RAD is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The course consists of a series of six classes, held in the evenings from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Kenhill Center. The Monday series runs on Mondays from June 6<sup>th</sup> through July 11<sup>th</sup> and the Wednesday series begins on June 8<sup>th</sup> and runs through June 13<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to register, please call 240-544-5777.

**Create a Backyard Habitat**

Give birds, butterflies, and other wildlife in Bowie a place to live. The City has joined the National Wildlife Federation's Certified Wildlife Habitats program where residents and communities can collaborate to help provide the missing requirements of all wildlife: food, water, cover, and places to raise young. To learn how to participate and certify your yard, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/habitat](http://www.cityofbowie.org/habitat). Every certification in Bowie supports our community goal. For more information, contact Kristin Larson at [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044.

**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](mailto: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 Club will have its 55-gallon barrels for sale as part of its fundraising efforts, and all proceeds remain in Bowie. If you can't make it, you can still purchase a rain barrel by contacting them at 301-262-2665 or visit your local home improvement store or nursery.

**Farmers' Market Opens Sunday, May 15**

Attend Opening Day at the Bowie Farmers' Market on Sunday, May 15 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Market vendors will offer fresh locally grown produce, fruit, cut flowers, plants, breads, pastries, jams, jellies and more. The Market operates in the parking lot of the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts at Bowie High School, 15200 Annapolis Road every Sunday through October 30, 2016. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

**ImagineBowie Celebration – May 17**

Attend the ImagineBowie open house on Tuesday, May 17 from 5 - 9 p.m. at City Hall. Celebrate 100 years of Bowie with 100 ideas for Bowie's future at this event featuring 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 more information, contact Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 or [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org).

**Bike to Work Day – Friday, May 20**

We invite you to participate in Bike to Work Day on May 20, from 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.biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org) or call 800-745-7433. Preregister by May 13 for free T-shirt and bike raffle. For more information, contact Frank Stevens at 301-809-3053 or [fstevens@cityofbowie.org](mailto:fstevens@cityofbowie.org).

**Memorial Day Weekend Parade – Saturday, May 28**

The Parade will begin at 11 a.m. at the Bowie High School Annex (3021 Belair Drive). Participants will march along Belair Drive to Sussex Lane, then to Stonybrook Drive and finally to Sage Lane. The reviewing stand, along with concessions and restrooms, will be located in Acorn Hill Park on Stonybrook Drive. For more information, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/parade](http://www.cityofbowie.org/parade) or call 301-809-3078.

**Summer Concerts Return**

Concerts are held every Sunday, beginning May 29 at Allen Pond Park from 7 - 8 p.m. throughout the summer. Concerts are also held on select Saturday afternoons in Old Town Bowie, beginning with one on May 14. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information and this season's schedule, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/concerts](http://www.cityofbowie.org/concerts) or call 301-809-3078 or email [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

**Become a Mentor**

Bowie Youth and Family Services Teen Mentoring Program is accepting Mentor applications for the 2016-2017 school year. For more information or to apply, please contact Community Coordinator Rhonda Simon at [mentor@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mentor@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3033.

**More Children's Books Needed!**

The Bowie Education Committee is collecting books to be given to children at Bowiefest on June 4. For more information or to donate, please contact Community Outreach Specialist Annette Esterheld at [aesterheld@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityofbowie.org) or 301-575-5601.

**City Beautification Awards**

The City, in cooperation with Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton, is accepting nominations for the Annual Beautification Awards. Anyone can nominate a home or townhouse, business, school, or specialty garden that reflects the beauty of Bowie. All nominations must be for locations within the corporate limits of Bowie. For more information or to obtain a nomination form, visit the City's website at [www.cityofbowie.org/beautification](http://www.cityofbowie.org/beautification) or contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

### **Job Fair for Bowie Marketplace Employers – May 20**

Berman Enterprises, developer of Bowie Marketplace, and the City of Bowie, will co-host a small job fair. Some of the tenants that will opening businesses at the new shopping center will be on hand to meet with job applicants, and the Bowie Police Department will also be present to recruit. The Prince George's One Stop Career Center will be there to provide information to job seekers.

The event takes place at the Bowie Ice Arena in Allen Pond Park, on Friday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and was a requirement imposed on the developer by the Bowie City Council when the project was approved.

### **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Recognition Breakfast – May 18**

The City of Bowie and the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce have teamed up once again to present the Annual Business Recognition Breakfast. The event takes place at the Comfort Inn on May 18 at 7:30 a.m. During the breakfast, six local businesses will receive awards in the following categories: Small Business of the Year, Business of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year, Green Business of the Year, Incubator Business of the Year, and Community Service Award. Please contact Chris Whelehan at 301-262-0920 for more information or to purchase tickets to this event.

## **Events**

**4/30 – Spring Plant Sale** – 8 a.m. to noon at Bowie Library on Annapolis Road. Sponsored by the Bowie-Crofton Garden Club and the Bowie Green Team. For more information, contact Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 or [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org).

**4/30 – Prescription Drug Take Back Day** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Bowie Police Department, 15901 Excalibur Road. Safely dispose of unwanted or expired prescription drugs and over the counter medications at this event sponsored by the Bowie Police Department. For more information, call 240-544-5700.

**5/1 – Low Cost Rabies Clinic** 1 - 3 p.m. at the SPCA/Humane Society of Prince George's County, 8210 D'Arcy Road, Forestville.

**5/2 – City Council Meeting** 8 p.m. at City Hall. This meeting will include a Public Hearing on FY 2017 Budget, Capital Improvements Program and Constant Yield Tax Rate.

**5/3 – City Council Budget Worksession #4** 8 p.m. at City Hall. Budgets for the City Manager's Office, Police Department, Finance Department and the Nondepartmental Budget will be reviewed.

**5/5 – Capital Reeds Performance** 6 p.m. at the Bowie Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**5/6, 5/17, 5/27, and 5/31 – Stitch Some History** 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Help complete our 19<sup>th</sup> century quilt. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**5/7 – Bowie History Lecture – Centennial Event** 2 p.m. at Bowie Library. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**5/9 – City Council Budget Worksession #5** 8 p.m. at City Hall. Budgets of the Planning and Economic Development Department, Information Technology Department, Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Fund, General Fund Summaries, and Appendix will be reviewed, and will be followed by Budget Wrap-up.

**5/11 – Rosie the Riveter Visits Belair – Centennial Event** 7 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**5/11 – Rain Barrel Workshop** 7 p.m. at Kenhill Center. The Lions Club will have 55-gallon barrels for sale as part of their fundraising efforts; all proceeds stay in Bowie. If you can't make it, you can still purchase a rain barrel by contacting them at 301-262-2665.

**5/12 – ImagineBowie Mixer** 6 - 8 p.m. at DuClaw Brewing Company at Bowie Town Center. Learn about healthy food and socially responsible investing. Register at [www.greenamericamixer.eventbrite.com](http://www.greenamericamixer.eventbrite.com).

**5/14 – National Train Day – Centennial Event** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Free. While attending the Spring Fling in Old Town Bowie, be sure to stop by the Railroad Museum. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**5/14 – Bottle of Blues Concert** 4 - 6 p.m. in the Town Green in Old Town Bowie.

**5/15 – Farmers' Market Opening Day** 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the parking lot of the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts at Bowie High School. Market vendors will offer fresh locally grown produce, fruit, cut flowers, plants, breads, pastries, jams, jellies and more. The Market takes place on Sundays through October 30, 2016. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

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**5/16 – City Council Meeting - Adoption of FY 2017 Budget and Capital Improvements Program** 8 p.m. at City Hall.

**5/17 – 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](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**5/17 – ImagineBowie Celebration** 5 - 9 p.m. at City Hall.

**5/18 – Bowie Business Recognition Breakfast** 7:30 a.m. at the Comfort Inn & Conference Center on Crain Highway. Call 301-262-0920 for ticket information.

**5/18 and 5/19 – Senior Chorale Concert** 4 p.m. (5/18) and 1 p.m. (5/19) at the Bowie Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**5/20 – Bike to Work Day** 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. Pit Stops at Bowie Town Center Food Court and Old Town Bowie Fire Station, 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Join thousands of area commuters and show your support for bicycling by taking part in a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work. Register at [www.biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org) or by calling 1-800-745-7433. Register by May 13 for a free T-shirt and to be entered in the bike raffle. For more information, contact Frank Stevens in the City's Planning Department at 301-809-3053 or [fstevens@cityofbowie.org](mailto:fstevens@cityofbowie.org).

**5/21 – Weed Warrior Work Day** 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Whitemarsh Park. The City's Green Team is in need of volunteers to help remove English ivy from Whitemarsh Park. This is an outdoor activity that requires cutting the ivy vines at eye-level and foot-level, then pulling them back about two feet from the base of the tree and bagging them. To participate, please register by contacting Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 or [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org). This is an excellent Student Service Learning (SSL) activity.

**5/24 – Information Meeting on Mosquitoes** 7 p.m. at the Kenhill Center. Ms. Jeanine Dorothy, entomologist with the Maryland Department of Agriculture will discuss mosquito control and prevention. Information on the Zika virus will be included in the presentation.

**5/25 – Senior Chorale Concert** 7:30 p.m. at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets for the performance may be obtained at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**5/25 - 27 – Information Fair: Aging In America – It's Okay** This event is open to the public. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**5/27 - 6/25 – “Guys and Dolls” at Bowie Playhouse** This show is produced by 2<sup>nd</sup> Star Productions. For tickets and information, visit [www.2ndstarproductions.com](http://www.2ndstarproductions.com) or call 301-832-4819.

**5/28 – Memorial Day Weekend Parade** 11 a.m. at Bowie High School Annex, 3021 Belair Drive. The Parade will proceed along Belair Drive to Sussex Lane, to Stonybrook Drive to Sage Lane. The reviewing stand, along with concession stands and restrooms, will be located in Acorn Hill Park on Stonybrook Drive. For information, go to [www.cityofbowie.org/parade](http://www.cityofbowie.org/parade) or call 301-809-3078.

**5/29 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – US Navy Commodores** 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 the full summer concert schedule, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/concerts](http://www.cityofbowie.org/concerts). For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

**5/30 – Memorial Day Holiday** City offices are closed on this date. There will be no trash or recycling pickup on the holiday. Collection will be on your next regularly scheduled day.

### **Some Upcoming Events in June**

**6/4 – Bowiefest** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Allen Pond Park

**6/18 – Cop for a Day** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Prince George’s Stadium (new date)

**Community Shredding Event** – on a Saturday in June (Date to be determined)