

Bowie News Flash

June 2016

News

Memorial Day Weekend Parade

Enjoy this annual event on Saturday, May 28. The Parade begins at 11 a.m. at Bowie High School Annex, 3021 Belair Drive. It will proceed along Belair Drive to Sussex Lane, and then to Stonybrook Drive and 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 or call 301-809-3078.

Memorial Day Holiday – Monday, May 30, 2016

City offices are closed on this date. There will be no trash or recycling pickup on the holiday. There are no makeup days. The next collection will be on your next regularly scheduled day.

Bowie area veterans invite you to participate in a Memorial Day ceremony to honor those who gave their lives in service to our nation. It takes place at Veterans Memorial Park in Old Bowie at 11 a.m.

“School is Almost Out” Event at the City Gym - Friday, June 3, 2016, 8 - 11 p.m.

6/1 - THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELED DUE TO A LACK OF TICKET SALES

Youth ages 11 to 16 are invited to a night of fun at the Bowie Gym. Entertainment will include a DJ, video games, laser tag and *The Eliminator*. There will also be a basketball game between the Bowie Police Department, Gym staff and teens, and great door prizes and fun for all. Food concessions will be on sale. Tickets are \$5 and proceeds support community teen, youth and family programs sponsored by the Bowie Police Department. Tickets can be purchased at the Police Department or the Gym in advance. For more information, call the Gym at 301-809-2388 or the Police Department at 240-544-5700.

Bowiefest is Saturday, June 4th

Celebrate Bowie at Bowiefest on Saturday, June 4 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. This year Bowiefest will feature the dynamic group Dean Crawford & the Dunn River Band, nominated *Best Country Band in the State of Maryland*. Bowiefest will also feature the *Go-Go Symphony*, a go-go band backed by an orchestra; *WiseEyes Band* offering folk rock; and an *Earth, Wind and Fire* cover band will have you grooving to classic soul. Texas Roadhouse will sponsor its Annual Rib Eating Contest. This year we have added a third stage in the children's area featuring many different performers including a puppet show and magician.

Bowiefest is a long-standing tradition in the City. It brings the best of Bowie's civic organizations, entertainers and businesses to one place for one day. Around the pond you can sample food from area vendors including pulled pork, pit beef, corn dogs, cotton candy, soft serve ice cream, funnel cakes,

Italian sausage, frozen fruit drinks and fresh-squeezed lemonade. For information about Bowiefest, and the lineup of entertainment, go to www.cityofbowie.org/bowiefest or call 301-809-3078.

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 Wednesday classes are full, but the Monday series still has a few spaces open. It runs from June 6th through July 11th. For more information or to register, please call 240-544-5777.

Low-Cost Rabies Shots

Cats, dogs, and ferrets must receive their first rabies vaccine by four months of age and they require regular booster shots every one to three years. There are many low-cost shot clinics held in our area with fees between \$5 and \$20. Prince George's County Animal Services holds shot clinics the first Thursday of every month from 12 - 2 p.m. and the Prince George's SPCA offers shot clinics the first Sunday of every month from 1 - 3 p.m. A list of shot clinics can be found at www.cityofbowie.org/AnimalControl under Pet Vaccines. Request a copy of the list by calling 301-809-3002 or emailing slopez@cityofbowie.org.

Centennial Garden and Certified Habitat Tour

On June 11, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., join the Bowie Centennial Garden and Fifth Certified Habitat Tour and learn how your neighbors welcome birds, butterflies, and other wildlife to their yards. Visit seven National Wildlife Federation (NWF) certified habitats and the City's smallest park to learn how you too can help Bowie become a Certified Community Wildlife Habitat. Information can be found at www.cityofbowie.org/habitat or by contacting Tiffany Wright at 301-809-3043 or twright@cityofbowie.org.

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, or contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Community Paper Shredding and Styrofoam Recycling Event

The Public Works Department has scheduled a paper shredding and Styrofoam recycling event in the Bowie High School parking lot on Saturday, June 18, 2016, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Residents can bring up to five tall kitchen bags or five archive boxes for shredding. Documents may be observed while they are being shredded. Styrofoam must be free of any glue or tape. For information, contact the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.

Cop for a Day

Cop for a Day is Saturday, June 18, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Prince George's Stadium, home of the Bowie Baysox. Ride in a police car, chase a bad guy, handcuff a suspect and find evidence at a crime scene. Learn something new and have some fun while raising funds for Special Olympics. For more information, please contact the Bowie Police Department at cops@cityofbowie.org.

Visit the Bowie Farmers' Market Sundays, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The Bowie Farmers' Market is open for the 2016 season. Market vendors 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 on Sundays, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., through October 30, 2016. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Register for Camp and Lessons at the Ice Arena

The Ice Arena is currently closed for annual maintenance. It will reopen in July for summer skating, camps and group lessons. For information and registration, visit www.cityofbowie.org/icearena or call 301-809-3090.

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 or 301-809-3033.

Driven to Abstraction

The current City Hall Art Gallery exhibit runs through June 17. It is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are City Hall hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Buying a new mower? Let us help! City residents who purchase a new mulching, electric, or manual reel mower are eligible to receive a \$50 rebate from the City of Bowie. A mulching lawn mower saves time because there's no need to rake, helps your lawn retain moisture, and provides an organic form of fertilizing. Electric and manual reel mowers reduce carbon emissions and noise. To obtain your cash rebate, bring proof of City residency and the receipt to the Finance Department at City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road. If the receipt does not specify that the mower is one of these three types, please also bring a manual or other documentation for the mower. Finance Department hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. through 5 p.m. Rebates are limited to one per household. If you have questions, please call 301-809-3020.

Fox Facts

Despite popular belief, it is not uncommon to see a fox outside during the day. If you spot one, there is no cause for alarm; they are most likely looking for shelter or food. Their food sources include rabbits, squirrels, birds, other small animals and fruits. The foxes in our area are mostly fearful of people and can easily be scared away with loud noises.

Foxes are not dangerous to humans, except when they are rabid (which is very rare). Some foxes will show signs of mange, a skin disease causing patchy or significant hair loss. Residents should report any foxes being aggressive, self-mutilating or observed with partial paralysis, running in circles or staggering to Bowie Animal Control. For more information on foxes, contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002 or visit The Humane Society's website at www.humanesociety.org/animals/foxes.

Social Media

One of the many ways that you can keep up with what's going on in Bowie is through social media. The City has a Facebook page that you can view, even if you don't have an account on Facebook. The address is listed below. There is also a Facebook page for Bowie Animal Control where they post photos of pets that have been lost or found. Here is a list of Facebook accounts managed by the City:

- City of Bowie: www.facebook.com/bowiemd
- Bowie Animal Control: www.facebook.com/bowieanimalcontrol
- Bowie Youth Services: www.facebook.com/bowieyfs
- Bowie Ice Arena (search "Bowie Ice Arena" on Facebook)

If you're a Twitter user, be sure to follow @CityofBowie for general City announcements. The full list of City Twitter accounts is listed below:

- City of Bowie: @CityofBowie
- Police Chief John Nesky: @ChiefBowiePD
- Deputy Chief Dwayne Preston: @DCBowiePD
- Bowie Skate Park: @BowieSkatePark
- City of Bowie Gymnasium: @bowiegym
- Green Bowie: @Green_Bowie

WSSC Hosts Community Meeting for Pointer Ridge about Pipe Replacements

WSSC is currently planning a water main replacement project in the Pointer Ridge area that will take place beginning Spring 2017 and continue through Summer 2019. This project will replace approximately 3 miles of water main. WSSC will host a public meeting to share information about this project with the community on Thursday, June 30, 2016 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the South Bowie Community Center on Pittsfield Lane.

Metro SafeTrack Project Will Affect Orange Line from New Carrollton

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) will begin major repairs to improve safety and reliability on Metrorail in June under a plan they've dubbed SafeTrack. The plan involves station closures, single tracking, longer delays between trains, and changes in hours of service.

Beginning June 3, 2016 Metrorail will close at midnight, seven days a week, to allow for a longer window each night for necessary repairs. The work is being done in phases or what they're calling surges. During the second surge, riders of the Orange Line, originating in New Carrollton, will be heavily affected. The Stadium-Armory station and the Potomac Avenue station on the Orange line will be completely closed between June 18th and July 3rd. Metro bus shuttle service will be provided around the closed stations, but Metro officials encourage riders to use alternate transportation during the station closures, such as carpools, vanpools, commuter buses, MARC trains (which will not be affected by the track work), and teleworking.

For more information on these changes, please check the WMATA website at www.wmata.com/safetrack. You can also keep up with the services changes by signing up for Metro alerts at www.metroalerts.info. Visit the Commuter Connections website at www.commuterconnections.org for useful information about commuting alternatives.

Scheduled Road Closures on Central Avenue and Hall Road

On Friday night, June 3, crews will close MD 214 (Central Avenue) between Hall Station Road and Hall Road. CSX crews will close westbound MD 214 lanes at 5 p.m. and then eastbound MD 214 lanes at 7 p.m. Central Avenue travel lanes are scheduled to open no later than Monday, June 6 at 5 a.m.

Once this work is complete, crews will close Hall Road on Monday morning, June 6 through Thursday, June 9. It will be blocked to through traffic between Ashleigh Station Court and Pointer Ridge Drive. Work on this railroad crossing will continue through Thursday afternoon.

For more information, contact the Maryland State Highway Administration, District 3 Office at 301-513-7300 or email shadistrict3@sha.state.md.gov. Customers may also contact CSX at 877-835-5279.

Capital Matters Business Networking Breakfast

If you are a woman business owner seeking tips on meeting the challenges of business scale-up using mentoring, business relationships, and growth capital, you're invited to attend the next "Capital Matters" Business Women's Networking Breakfast with nationally recognized business woman Denita Conway, founder and president of PROVEN Management, LLC. In 2014, Ms. Conway was named Prince George's County Small Business of the Year. This program is being presented by the Bowie Business Innovation Center (Bowie BIC) and Capital One on June 23 at the Comfort Inn and Conference Center in Bowie from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$35 at the door. For more information or to register, visit www.bowiebic.com or call Crystal Clark at 301-383-1550, extension 102.

Events

5/27 - 6/25 – *Guys and Dolls* at Bowie Playhouse For tickets and information, visit www.2ndstarproductions.com or call 301-832-4819.

5/28 – Memorial Day Weekend Parade 11 a.m. begins at Bowie High School Annex, 3021 Belair Drive. The Parade will proceed along Belair Drive to Sussex Lane, then on to Stonybrook Drive and finally 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 or call 301-809-3078.

5/28 – American Red Cross Blood Drive 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the City of Bowie Gymnasium. Consider donating blood to honor those who died while serving our country. The minimum age to donate is 16 years of age, with a signed parental consent. Everyone that donates blood at this event will receive a free burrito from California Tortilla.

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. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or 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.

5/30 – Memorial Day Ceremony 11 a.m. at Veterans Park in Old Bowie. All are welcome.

6/1 – The Windtalker Experience 10 a.m. at the Senior Center. Attendees must arrive by 9:45 a.m. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

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

6/5 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *The Electric Company* 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 more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

6/6 – City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall.

6/8 – Ageless Grace – An Exercise Program 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

6/9 – Aviation History - Senior Center at 10 a.m. Speaker presentation. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

6/11 – Centennial Garden and Certified Habitat Tour 9 a.m - 4 p.m. For more information, contact Watershed Manager Tiffany Wright at twright@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3043.

6/11 – Games People Played 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

6/12 – June Jam Skate Competition 12 - 6 p.m. at Bowie Skate Park at Allen Pond Park. For more information visit www.cityofbowie.org/skatepark or call 301-809-3076 or email mreno@cityofbowie.org.

6/12 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – Bowie Elks Flag Day Program - *The Baywinds Band*
6 p.m. (special time) at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park.

6/14 – Maintaining Financial Health - Senior Center 5:30 p.m. Speaker presentation. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

6/18 – Paper Shredding and Styrofoam Recycling 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Bowie High School Parking Lot. For information, contact the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.

6/18 – Saturday Concert Series – *Days of Vinyl* 4 - 6 p.m., Town Green Park, 9th Street (MD Route 564), Old Town Bowie. Each Saturday until 7/30. Concerts are canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

6/18 – At the Sign of the Horse & Saddle – Tavern Night a Belair 7 - 9 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Reservations required, \$25 per person. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

6/19 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *U.S. Navy Cruisers* 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 more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

6/20 – City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall.

6/21 – Kids Kaboose 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Ages 1 - 11. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

6/25 – Six Months Til Christmas! 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. 30% off all Christmas items in the Mansion Gift Shop. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

6/25 – Saturday Concert Series – *Good Measure* 4 - 6 p.m., Town Green Park, 9th Street (MD Route 564), Old Town Bowie. Each Saturday until 8/6. Concerts are canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

6/26 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *Rise Band & Show* 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 more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

6/29 – We All Scream for Ice Cream Kids’ Program 2 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Kids ages 6 - 12 are invited to make and eat ice cream. Dress like 1916 to celebrate the City’s Centennial. Free. Reservations required. For reservations and more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

6/29 – Artist Reception 7 - 8 p.m. at City Hall. Come and meet the artists in the current art show, entitled *Artist Pick* at City Hall. Artists were asked to select some of their favorite pieces for this show and pieces on exhibit include glass pieces, abstracts, sketches, landscapes, portraits, and photos. The reception will be held in the upstairs lobby at City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road.

6/30 – WSSC Community Meeting on Project in Pointer Ridge 7 – 8:30 p.m. WSSC is planning a 2-year water main replacement project beginning in Spring of 2017. Come learn about what’s involved at this meeting hosted by WSSC.