

Bowie News Flash

August 2016

News

National Night Out Against Crime – August 2, 6-8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park

Join the Bowie Police Department, community organizations and area businesses to learn about crime prevention and public safety awareness. Fun for the whole family. For information, contact the Bowie Police Department at 240-544-5700 or cops@cityofbowie.org.

Proposal for Jesuit Property on Annapolis Road (MD 450)

The City has been contacted by a developer interested in building approximately 440 homes (single homes and townhouses) on both sides of Annapolis Road in the vicinity of Sacred Heart Church on land commonly known as the Jesuit property. The area, which is outside the City limits, is already zoned residential, but would require a zoning change for the proposed development. The developer will introduce its plans to Council at the August 1st City Council meeting. This is the first of many public meetings and hearings that will take place on this proposal. More information, including a map of the proposed development area can be found at <http://www.cityofbowie.org/jesuitprop>. The Council meeting takes place in the Council Chambers at City Hall and begins at 8 p.m.

City Council Adopts Strategic Plan

At its meeting on July 5, 2016, the City Council adopted a Strategic Plan that reflects the direction the Council wants to take the City over the next four years. This plan was developed with the input of City residents as well as City staff.

This Strategic Plan provides a framework for City action during the next four years to ensure that Bowie continues to thrive as the strongest, most diverse, most family-friendly community in the region. It identifies strategic goals and outcomes to be accomplished from 2016 through 2019. The plan reflects input provided by residents during two community sessions and an online survey, and builds on the City's remarkable success over the past decade. This plan will provide guidance in preparing budgets and in making decisions regarding the City's future. To view the Strategic Plan, please visit the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org.

Citizens' Police Academy Session 3 Begins in Late August

The Bowie Police Department is pleased to announce its third Citizens' Academy, beginning August 23, 2016. It's a great way to learn everything you ever wanted to know about the Bowie Police Department. The Citizens' Police Academy offers ten weeks of training which allows participants to learn about policing from police officers and other members of the criminal justice system through interactive classes and facilitated

discussion. A variety of topics will be covered, including but not limited to: Internal Investigations, Tactical Training Technique, Judgment Enhanced Training, Citizen/Police Interaction and Media Relations. Participants must be Bowie residents and be at least 18 years of age. The application deadline is August 8, 2016. For more information and to apply, visit the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org/citizensacademy.

100 Years of Food Heritage in Bowie – Recipes Wanted!

The Bowie Centennial Committee needs your help. It's often been said that an army travels on its stomach. Well, frankly so does a city! Help us compile a keepsake cookbook representing the cuisine and traditions that have kept Bowie fed for the last 100 years. We'll record them in a special Bowie 100 Community cookbook..and keep Bowie cooking for the NEXT 100 years! Send us your family favorites, and a photo if you can. Email to museums@cityofbowie.org. Or mail to Bowie Cookbook, Belair Mansion, 12207 Tulip Grove Drive, Bowie, MD 20715.

Bowie's Energy Audit is Back

Bowie homeowners have the opportunity to save money and improve the comfort and safety of their homes by completing a home energy audit. The first 100 eligible homeowners to fill out an application and submit it to the City will receive a no cost BGE Home Performance with Energy Star Energy Audit (\$100 value). If interested, complete and submit an application at www.cityofbowie.org/eap. You will be contacted within a few days by one of our partner BGE approved contractors (American Home Performance, Efficient Home, or Elysian Energy) to schedule your no cost energy audit. The City will pay the contractor \$100 after the audit is completed. Questions? Contact Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 or klarson@cityofbowie.org.

Free Business Counseling at City Hall

The Maryland Small Business Development Center (SBDC) provides free counseling and low-cost training services to new and existing businesses. Designed for all stages of business development, themed workshops range from transforming ideas into business plans, to developing growth strategies for existing businesses.

If you are an aspiring entrepreneur or an existing small business owner planning to successfully take your business to new levels, the SBDC has a variety of programs to help you meet your goals from individualized consulting, to specialty training and beyond. To get started contact SBDC Counselor Mark Wells. He is available at City Hall to answer your business questions every Thursday by appointment. Call 301-403-8300 ext. 18 or email mwells14@umd.edu to arrange your appointment. For more information about the Maryland SBDC, visit http://marylandsbdc.org/corridor/index_corridor.php.

Sunday Sunset Concert Series – 7 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park

Enjoy a variety of musical sounds at the weekly concerts at Allen Pond Park. The concerts are canceled in inclement weather. For information and the schedule of upcoming concerts, visit www.cityofbowie.org/concerts, call Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or email mcorley@cityofbowie.org. Concerts: 8/7, *Big Band Theory of Baltimore*;

8/14, *The Winstons*; 8/21, *US Air Force Airmen of Note*; 8/28, *US Naval Academy Electric Brigade*.

Arts & Education Grants

Applications are due in early fall. Forms will be on the City's website by mid-August, www.cityofbowie.org. For more information, contact Annette Esterheld at aesterheld@cityofbowie.org or 240-544-5601.

Please Leave Your Pet at Home

It doesn't take long for the temperatures inside a vehicle to rise and become hazardous to your pet's health. Even on cloud covered days or when temperatures are in the 70s, the heat generated inside a parked vehicle can be deadly. Lowering a window is not a solution. Don't be foolish and endanger your pet or subject yourself to civil or criminal penalties; leave your pet at home. For more information, please contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002 or slopez@cityofbowie.org/animalcontrol.

Bowie Ice Arena is Open for Summer Skating!

It's a great place to beat the heat, offering summer camps, group lessons, public sessions, birthday parties, pickup hockey, pickup figure skating and stick & puck sessions. For information, visit us at www.cityofbowie.org/icearena or call 301-809-3090.

City Gym Maintenance

The City Gym will be closed for annual maintenance August 30 through September 9. The Gym will reopen September 10. For more information, visit us online at www.cityofbowie.org/gym or call 301-809-2388.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a community service program that matches elderly (65+) and disabled residents with adults and organizations looking for ways to reach out and help someone in need. Volunteer activities include raking leaves and other yard work. For more information, contact Sally Hein, Director of Community Services, at 301-809-3014 or shein@cityofbowie.org.

Donate to the Food Pantry

Canned fruits and soups are needed. Fresh fruits and vegetables and financial contributions are also most welcome! Donations are accepted at the Pantry (2614 Kenhill Drive), City Gym, Bowie Library (Rt. 450), PNC Bank (Rt. 450), Parcel Express (Hilltop Plaza), Every Second Counts (Hilltop Plaza) or at the Sunday Sunset Concerts at Allen Pond Park. For more information, please call 301-262-6765 or email www.bowiefoodpantry.org.

Bowie Has Two Farmers' Markets

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.

Did you know there's also a Farmers' Market every Wednesday afternoon on the Green in Old Town Bowie? It runs from 3 to 7 p.m. Town Green Park is located on Lanham – Severn Road (MD 564) in the heart of Old Town Bowie.

Bowie Youth & Family Services

Bowie Youth & Family Services serves individuals, families and groups in the Bowie community. We offer counseling for all families in the City who have children in the home who are high school age or younger. Other services include outreach activities and a mentoring program for students at Bowie High School. Our staff members are licensed clinicians who each hold a graduate degree in a mental health specialty and who have years of training and experience in treating children, teens, and their families.

We will be accepting registrations for four groups this fall. The first, *Calm, Confident Kids*, is designed to help school-age children develop strategies for managing worries. The second fall group, *The Active Parenting Program*, is open to parents with school-aged children or teens. Our third group, *Girls Count*, is an after-school program for 9 - 12th grade girls. Finally, our popular *ADHD Group*, for 7-11 year-old children with Attention-Deficit Disorder and their parents, will begin in October. Families are encouraged to call 301-809-3033 for more information or to arrange for an appointment.

Imagine an Hour that Impacts a Lifetime, Imagine Mentoring

Mentoring makes a difference and now is the time to volunteer. The Bowie Youth & Family Services (BYFS) 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 and supporting their success in school, in their family and in the Bowie community. For information, contact Program Coordinator Rhonda Simon at mentor@cityofbowie.org or call BYFS at 301-809-3033 or visit www.cityofbowie.org/ysb.

Sampler: Artists' Pick

The current City Hall Art Gallery exhibit runs through September 16 and features various works selected by individual artists. It includes paintings, photography, and other forms of art. The gallery is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are the same as 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.

Walk Wednesdays are Back!

Bowie Green Team's Food, Health and Wellness Subgroup is hosting weekly community walks on Wednesday evenings in August. Wednesday Walks are a fun and social opportunity for the residents of Bowie to get together for light to moderate exercise. They also highlight nature and the many beautiful local walking trails in our community. See full August schedule at www.cityofbowie.org/walksched.

The group will convene at the specified locations each week at 7 p.m. sharp. Please wear appropriate attire, bring water, and arrive no later than 7:05 p.m. if you would like to walk with the group. Look for the group leader who will have a Walk Wednesdays sign to help participants locate the starting point for the walk.

Job Vacancies

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

- Ice Arena Supervisor (open until filled)
- Ice Arena Attendant (closes 8/5/16)
- Administrative Assistant, Police Department (closes 8/9/16)
- Temporary Laborer, Parks & Grounds Division, Community Services (closes 8/12)
- Senior Center Receptionist – Part Time (closes 8/12/16)

For more information, please visit www.cityofbowie.org/jobs.

Ticks

Ticks are active during the months of April through October. Tick bites can cause human disease including: Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. You can reduce the chance of tick bites by wearing light colored clothes, avoiding woody or brushy areas and using repellents containing 20% - 30% DEET (10% for children) on your skin and clothing. After outdoor activity, inspect your body and your pets for ticks. Use tweezers to remove ticks. For more information visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/ticks/index.html>.

Mosquito Control

The City of Bowie, in partnership with the Maryland Department of Agriculture, has an aggressive mosquito surveillance and spraying program in City neighborhoods. When necessary, spraying is done in the late evenings/early mornings. You can also do your part to control the mosquito population and prevent the spread of West Nile virus by eliminating mosquito breeding areas on your property in places where water collects, such as trash cans, buckets, and wheelbarrows, and by changing water in kiddie pools, bird baths, and outdoor pet water bowls regularly. For more information about mosquito prevention, visit www.cityofbowie.org/mosquitoes.

Events

8/1 – City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall.

8/2 – National Night Out Against Crime 6 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Learn about crime prevention and public safety in a fun setting! There will be food and activities for the entire family. For information, contact the Bowie Police Department at 240-544-5700 or cops@cityofbowie.org.

8/3 – Nature Walk – Senior Center Program 10 a.m. Contact the Center at 301-809-2300 to confirm the location of the event (Kenhill Center or Senior Center).

8/3 – Walk Wednesday 7 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Join Bowie Green Team members on a 30 or 40-minute walk for exercise and to learn a little about the nature around us. Meet at the edge of the parking lot at the start of the walking path.

8/7 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *Big Band Theory of Baltimore* 7 – 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. These concerts offer relaxing entertainment for the entire family. Free. Concert canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

8/8 – Art of Bonsai – Senior Center Program 10 a.m. Contact the Center at 301-809-2300 to confirm the location of the event (Kenhill Center or Senior Center).

8/9 – Kids in the 18th Century Kitchen 12 - 3 p.m., Belair Mansion. Free. Drop in. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

8/10 – Ageless Grace – Senior Center Program 1 p.m. Contact the Center at 301-809-2300 to confirm the location of the event (Kenhill Center or Senior Center).

8/10 - Walk Wednesday 7 p.m. at the David Kerr Nature Trail in the Kenilworth neighborhood (on Kinderbrook Lane). Join Bowie Green Team members on a 30 or 40-minute walk for exercise and to learn a little about the nature around us. From Kembridge Drive, turn onto Kinderbrook Lane. Follow Kinderbrook Lane for about a half mile. The trail is on the wooded side of the road and is marked by a sign.

8/11 – 100+ Years of Bowie History 10 a.m. Contact the Center at 301-809-2300 to confirm the location of the event (Kenhill Center or Senior Center). Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

8/12 - 8/27 – “Lost in Yonkers” at Bowie Playhouse For tickets and information visit www.pgl.org or call 301-937-7458.

8/14 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *The Winstons* 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. These concerts offer relaxing entertainment for the entire family. Free. Concert canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

8/16 – Kids Kaboose 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun and games for youngsters ages 1 - 11. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

8/16 – A Different Kind of Art – Senior Center Program 12:30 p.m. Contact the Center at 301-809-2300 to confirm the location of the event (Kenhill Center or Senior Center).

8/17 – Understanding Vaccines – Senior Center Program 10:30 a.m. Contact the Center at 301-809-2300 to confirm the location of the event (Kenhill Center or Senior Center).

8/17 – Armchair Tour: The National Parks – Senior Center Program 12:30 p.m. Contact the Center at 301-809-2300 to confirm the location of the event (Kenhill Center or Senior Center).

8/17 – Walk Wednesday 7 p.m. at Whitmarsh Park. Join Bowie Green Team members on a 30 or 40-minute walk for exercise and to learn a little about the nature around us. Park in the parking lot toward the back of the park, by the head of the trail.

8/19 – We All Scream for Ice Cream! 2 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Free. Reservations required. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

8/20 – 13th Annual Back to School Bash 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Bowie City Gym. Enjoy games, moon bounces, face painting, music, entertainment and more for elementary age school children. Also, there will be a parent resource area with information on programs and activities for the upcoming school year. Cost: \$3 or a donation to the Bowie Food Pantry. For more information, contact the Gym at 301-809-2388.

8/21 – 100 Years of Bowie History and Baseball 2 p.m. at Prince George's Stadium. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

8/21 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – US Air Force Airmen of Note 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. These concerts offer relaxing entertainment for the entire family. Free. Concert canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

8/24 – Armchair Tour: Rome – Senior Center Program 12:30 p.m. Contact the Center at 301-809-2300 to confirm the location of the event (Kenhill Center or Senior Center).

8/24 – Walk Wednesday 7 p.m. at Governor Bridge Trail. Join Bowie Green Team members on a 30 or 40-minute walk for exercise and to learn a little about the nature around us. The group will meet by the sign in the parking area before proceeding onto the trail.

8/27 - 8/29 – Maryland Senior Olympics 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Bowie City Gym. Pickleball Championships. For more information, contact the Gym at 301-809-2388.

8/28 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *US Naval Academy Electric Brigade*
7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. These concerts offer relaxing entertainment for the entire family. Free. Concert canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

8/31 – Walk Wednesday 7 p.m. W B & A Trail. Join Bowie Green Team members on a 30 or 40-minute walk for exercise and to learn a little about the nature around us. The group will meet in the parking area, which is off of Race Track Road, near Kimberwick Drive.