

Bowie News & Upcoming Events as of 8/12/2016

News

Community Meeting on Policing in Bowie – August 22

The Bowie Police invite you to join them for a frank discussion about policing on Monday, August 22 at the Kenhill Center, at 7 p.m. Ask questions, share comments, and discuss your ideas about how the Bowie Police Department can continue to build bridges between it and the community it serves at this town hall style meeting.

The Bowie Senior Center is Coming Home!

After a long summer in a temporary location, the Bowie Senior Center will reopen at its Health Center Drive location on Monday, August 15. The air conditioning problems have been addressed and Senior Center staff is ready to welcome its patrons back “home”. As of August 15, all Senior Center programs will take place at the Health Center Drive location.

Proposal for the Jesuit Property

At the August 1 City Council Meeting, a representative for Elm Street Development made a short presentation about their proposal for a housing development of single-family homes and townhomes on both sides of MD 450 on property commonly known as the Jesuit property. This was a preliminary step to introduce the Council and the community to their plans and no vote was taken at that time. Since that meeting, the developer has notified the City and local residents of its intent to file a rezoning application for the property, which is already zoned residential, but would require a zoning change for the proposed development.

Developers wishing to build in Prince George’s County must go through a long and detailed review process. While the City has no formal approval authority for most development projects, it does provide recommendations on local projects after going through its development review process. The process includes Stakeholders Meetings, review by the Bowie Advisory Planning Board which consists of citizen volunteers, public hearings, staff review, and then a public vote on a recommendation to put forward to the decision makers at Prince George’s County, who also have their own review process.

The Elm Street Development project requires public water and sewer service, which in this instance can only be provided by the City. An analysis of whether the City’s facilities have the capacity to support the proposed development will be undertaken, and the City Council will review any request for water and sewer service at a public hearing and make the final decision.

In accordance with our Development Review Guidelines, the City is working to schedule a Stakeholders Meeting at the end of September on the rezoning proposal. When the date and location have been confirmed, the meeting will be publicized via all of the City’s communications channels and residents nearby the potential development will be mailed an announcement about the meeting. More information, including a map of the proposed development area can be found at <http://www.cityofbowie.org/jesuitprop>. The August 1 City Council Meeting can be viewed at www.cityofbowie.org/viewaugust1meeting.

IRS Phone Scam

The IRS is warning the public that they have seen an increase in telephone scams related to the IRS this summer. Don't be a victim. If you receive a phone call that says you owe money to the IRS, hang up! It is a scam. The IRS never initiates contact with taxpayers by telephone. They will always contact you by US mail if there is an issue with your tax return. Learn more about the scam and how to file a complaint at <https://www.irs.gov/uac/newsroom/scam-phone-calls-continue-irs-identifies-five-easy-ways-to-spot-suspicious-calls>.

Bowie's Centennial

The celebration of Bowie's Centennial year continues with a variety of events. You can see what's planned over the next 100 days in a brochure that's available at City facilities or that can be downloaded from our website at www.cityofbowie.org/centennial.

As part of the commemoration of the 100th anniversary, the Centennial Committee is compiling a cookbook of recipes from Bowie residents, past and present. If you have a favorite recipe that you'd like to share, please email it to museums@cityofbowie.org or mail it to Bowie Cookbook, Belair Mansion, 12207 Tulip Grove Drive, Bowie, MD 20715.

Jobs

The City of Bowie is seeking applicants for the following vacancies:

- Ice Arena Supervisor (open until filled)
- Park Operations Manager (closes 8/22/16)
- Information Technology Technician (closes 8/19/16)
- Network/Telecommunications Analyst (closes 8/19/16)

Please visit www.cityofbowie.org/jobs for more information and to apply for any of these positions.

School Supplies Drive

Backpacks full of school supplies will be distributed to the first 300 children who attend the Back to School Bash at the City Gym on August 20. If you'd like to donate school supplies for this giveaway, please drop them off at the Bowie Police Department (15901 Excalibur Road) or at the City Gym (4100 Northview Drive).

Crime Reports and Wanted Notices

The Bowie Police Department regularly posts information about crimes on its website in a variety of formats. If you visit www.cityofbowie.org/crimereports you will find Monthly Crime Reports, Uniform Crime Reports, and Unusual Reports. The Department issues an Unusual Report when there is a major crime in the City or when the Department is involved in a crime or situation that is out of the ordinary. During most months there are only a handful of incidents that warrant the issuance of an Unusual Report. You can also view Information Wanted Notices for various cases the Department is investigating. The most recent Wanted Notice issued today asks for the public's help in finding a person who is involved in a scam regarding driveway resealing. You can view Wanted Notices at www.cityofbowie.org/wanted.

Upcoming Events

8/12 - 8/27 – “Lost in Yonkers” at Bowie Playhouse For tickets and information visit www.pglt.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. Free.

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. Bowie Senior Center.

8/17 – Walk Wednesday 7 p.m. at Whitemarsh 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.

8/17 – Understanding Vaccines – Senior Center Program 10:30 a.m. Bowie Senior Center.

8/17 – Armchair Tour: The National Parks – Senior Center Program 12:30 p.m. Bowie Senior Center.

8/18 – Public Hearing on the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) 7 p.m. at City Hall. Public input is requested on this draft report, which provides an annual accounting of funds allocated to implement the goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan for Community Development. The plan may be viewed at www.cityofbowie.org/CAPER.

8/19 – We All Scream for Ice Cream! 2 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Free. Reservations required. For more information or to reserve your spot, please call 301-809-3089 or email 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.

8/22 – Police Department Community Meeting 7 p.m., Kenhill Center. Your voice matters! Join the Bowie Police for a frank discussion on policing in Bowie.