



# BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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## Senior Center Relocates to Kenhill Center

On June 4th the Bowie Senior Center closed for an indefinite period of time for major work on the building's air conditioning system. This is a necessary step, but one not taken lightly, as we know it will be an inconvenience to the many patrons who regularly visit the Senior Center and participate in its programs. The Center will reopen as soon as the work is completed, but there is no estimated date for the reopening at this time.

Many senior services have moved to the Kenhill Center. Fitness room users are welcome in the exercise rooms at all three M-NCPPC Community Centers located in the City. The transportation program continues unchanged. All scheduled cultural and recreational trips will continue, as will many clubs, seminars, support groups, and classes. Senior Center patrons are invited to come to the Kenhill Center and join in the fun!

The Kenhill Center is located at 2614 Kenhill Drive and is the site of the former City Hall. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

## Become a Green Bowie Business and Save!

Green Bowie Businesses follow environmental and sustainable practices, and they help Bowie as a community by reducing waste, preventing pollution, conserving energy, and saving resources. Businesses that complete this certification benefit by recognition and promotion, and they save money. There is no cost to certify.

To get started, please fill out an interest form at [www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowiebiz](http://www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowiebiz). You may also contact Kristin Larson at [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044.

## 2016 Business Appreciation Award Honorees

During a breakfast ceremony on Wednesday, May 18, the City, in partnership with the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce, conducted the Ninth Annual Business Recognition Awards Breakfast. The following Bowie businesses were recognized:

- Incubator Business of the Year - Carnegie Kitchens & Bath, LLC, William Shipley
- Entrepreneur of the Year - Ray's Towing Service, LLC, Raymond A. Hayden
- Small Business of the Year - Heaven Sent Cupcakery, LLC, Deborah Culbertson
- Community Service Award - Melvin Motors, Inc.
- Green Business of the Year - Macy's Bowie Town Center
- Business of the Year - Patuxent Management Company, Inc., Claire Simpson Jones

## Community Outreach Committee Grants

The City of Bowie Community Outreach Committee (COC) is accepting grant applications that pertain to social service programs for youth, senior citizens and other underserved populations within the City. Applications can be submitted by individuals or organizations. At least 60% of the participants of any funded program must be City of Bowie residents. Project or programs should be conducted, whenever possible, within the Bowie City limits. Applications and information are available via the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) or by email at [shein@cityofbowie.org](mailto:shein@cityofbowie.org). The deadline is **August 1, 2016**.

## 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 70's, 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](mailto:slopez@cityofbowie.org).

## Volunteer Mentor Opportunity

Bowie Youth & Family Services Prevention Network is accepting applications for its school based Teen Mentor program. As a volunteer mentor you will spend one hour a week building a positive relationship with a student. Your involvement has the potential to change the course of a teen's school experience, his/her life, and your community. For more information, please contact Program Coordinator Rhonda Simon at 301-809-3033 or [mentor@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mentor@cityofbowie.org).

### 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](mailto:shein@cityofbowie.org).

### Donate to the Food Pantry

Canned fruits and soups are needed. Fresh fruits and vegetables, and financial contributions are welcome! Donations are accepted at the Pantry (2614 Kenhill Drive), City Gym, Bowie Library (Rt. 450), PNC Bank (Rt. 450), Parcel Express (Hilltop), Every Second Counts (Hilltop) or at the Sunday Sunset Concerts at Allen Pond Park. Information: **301-262-6765** or [www.bowiefoodpantry.org](http://www.bowiefoodpantry.org).

### Sunday Sunset Concert Series

**7 - 8 p.m.** at Allen Pond Park. Concerts every Sunday through 9/4. Canceled in inclement weather. For information: [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org), 301-809-3078 or [mcormley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcormley@cityofbowie.org).

### Saturday Concerts

**4 - 6 p.m.** at Town Green Park in Old Town Bowie. Concerts every Saturday through July 30. For information: [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org), 301-809-3078 or [mcormley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcormley@cityofbowie.org).

## Veterans Corner

**Need help with benefits** - Service Officer available every Tuesday 7 - 9 p.m. at the DAV.

**Need general information** - American Legion (301-464-9814), 9605 Old Laurel-Bowie Road, Bowie, MD 20715. Meets monthly, fourth (4th) Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

**The following organizations meet at the DAV Post (8205 Laurel-Bowie Road, Bowie, MD 20715):**

- Marine Corps League (301-706-2491) - Meets monthly, second (2nd) Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
- VFW Post 8065 (301-464-3730) - Meets monthly, first (1st) Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
- DAV Post #7 (301-464-8899) - Meets monthly, second (2nd) Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

**For information on legislation, benefits & programs**, tune to the Veterans Forum on Bowie Cable TV Channel 11 (Verizon) or 77 (Comcast). Consult the guide for time.



**A Tomb With a View** 7/15 - 7/31 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: 301-805-0219 or [www.bctheatre.com](http://www.bctheatre.com).

**Sampler: Artists Pick** City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through September 16. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours).

For more information, contact Annette Esterheld at [aesterheld@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityofbowie.org) or 240-544-5601.

## MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org)

### TIME TRAVELERS

7/1, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Belair Mansion Ages 5 - 12  
Free

### "GYPSIES, TRAMPS AND THIEVES" BROWN BAG LUNCH LECTURE

7/11, 12 p.m. Belair Mansion  
Free

### 100 YEARS OF STABLE HISTORY!

7/18, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Belair Stable Free Kids enjoy tour, games, stories and fun!

### KIDS KABOOSE

7/19, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Bowie Railroad Museum  
Ages 1-10 Free

### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF SWING MUSIC!

7/23, 7 - 9 p.m. Belair Mansion  
Garden Free Bring blankets, chairs and picnic.

## CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive  
301-809-2388

### SUMMER WALKING PROGRAM

Weekdays, 7:30 - 9 a.m. Eleven laps around the Gym equal one mile.

### 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](http://www.usports-camps.com/basketball) or 1-800-NIKECAMP.

### 5 STAR BASKETBALL CAMP

**GIRLS:** 6/27 - 7/1 Ages 9-17

**BOYS:** 7/18 - 7/22 Ages 9-15

Information: 301-762-2121 or

[info@5starbasketball.com](mailto:info@5starbasketball.com).

### ROOM RENTALS

The Gym has rooms available for rent for parties or meetings. \$25 per hour.

## ICE ARENA

3330 Northview Drive  
301-809-3090

### PUBLIC SESSIONS

Schedule may be viewed at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org). The Ice Arena reopens for summer skating on **July 8**.

### SUMMER LESSONS AND CAMPS

Registration is still available for all ages and levels. For information, visit the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org), or call the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090.

## CITY COUNCIL

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