



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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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.

100 Years of Food Heritage in Bowie

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 post to Bowie Cookbook, Belair Mansion, 12207 Tulip Grove Drive, Bowie, MD 20715.

Bowie's Energy Audit Program 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.

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 (Community Services/Youth & Family Services).

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.cityof-bowie.org or call 301-809-3090.

National Night Out

8/2, 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.

Sunday Concert Series

7 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Canceled in inclement weather. For information: www.cityofbowie.org, 301-809-3078 or 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.

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 and programs, tune to the Veterans Forum on Bowie Cable TV Channel 11 (Verizon) or 77 (Comcast). Consult the guide for airing time.



Lost in Yonkers 8/12 - 8/27 at the Bowie Playhouse. For tickets: 301-937-7458 or www.pglit.org.

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.

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

KIDS IN THE 18TH CENTURY KITCHEN 8/9, 12 - 3 p.m.
Belair Mansion Free Drop in

100+ YEARS OF BOWIE HISTORY 8/11, 10 a.m. Senior Center at Kenhill Center Free

KIDS KABOOSE
8/16, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Bowie Railroad Museum
Ages 1-11 Free

WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM! 8/19, 2 - 4 p.m.
Belair Mansion Free
Reservations required!

100 YEARS OF BOWIE HISTORY AND BASEBALL
8/21, 2 p.m. Prince George's Stadium

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

13TH ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BASH 8/20, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Enjoy games, moon bounces, face painting, music, entertainment and more for elementary age school children. Also, 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.

MARYLAND SENIOR OLYMPICS 8/27 - 8/29, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pickleball Championships.

CHILDREN'S SWAP MEET & FLEA MARKET 9/24, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Contact the Gym for space.

The City Gym will be closed for annual maintenance beginning 8/30. The Gym will reopen 9/10.

ADULTS 55+

Bowie Senior Center
301-809-2300

DAYS & TIMES

M/W/F 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
T/TH 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
SAT 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

NATURE WALK

8/3, 10 a.m.

ART OF BONSAI

8/8, 10 a.m.

AGELESS GRACE

8/10, 1 p.m.

BOWIE CELEBRATES 100 YEARS 8/11, 10 a.m.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF ART 8/16, 12:30 p.m.

UNDERSTANDING VACCINES 8/17, 10:30 a.m.

ARMCHAIR TOUR: THE NATIONAL PARKS 8/17, 12:30 p.m.

ARMCHAIR TOUR: ROME 8/24, 12:30 p.m.

Contact the Center at 301-809-2300 to confirm the location of each event (Kenhill Center or Senior Center).

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