



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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Salute to America Concert

The City's annual Salute to America Concert is set to take place on **Sunday, September 4, 2016** from 7 – 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. The Salute to America Concert will be the final show of the summer concert series and is dedicated to all those who currently serve or have served in our Armed Forces. Mayor Robinson will set the tone for the concert with a few words of remembrance. As is customary, the Salute to America Concert will feature patriotic music. We are pleased to announce that the music for this year's concert will be performed by the Bowie State University Concert Band. A candlelight vigil will also be held to remember those we have lost. The City will provide candles and flags before the concert. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Contribute to the Bowie Centennial Cookbook

Submit your Bowie recipes for the Centennial Cookbook! Email to museums@cityofbowie.org. Or post to Bowie Cookbook, Belair Mansion, 12207 Tulip Grove Drive, Bowie, MD 20715.

Code Corner - Fences

If you are erecting a new residential fence or replacement fence 4-foot or greater in height, Prince George's County now requires all support posts, both horizontal and vertical, face the interior of the yard. For more information, contact the Bowie Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 and visit our webpage at www.cityofbowie.org.

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, avoid 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>.

Children's Swap Meet and Flea Market

The City Gymnasium will conduct its first City-wide Children's Swap Meet and Flea Market on Saturday, **September 24th** from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This event will be conducted rain or shine. This provides the residents of Bowie with an opportunity to trade children's items or to clean out their homes and garages and make a profit off their excess belongings. Our location, at the corner of Health Center and Northview Drives and directly across from the Bowie Town Center, provides a premium high visibility location for this City-wide event.

A 6 x 8-foot space is available for \$10. A 6-foot table can be included for an additional \$10 fee. Refreshments will be available. Please contact the Gym for table space and availability at **301-809-2388**.

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, call BYFS at 301-809-3033 or visit www.cityofbowie.org (Community Services/Youth & Family Services).

Beautification Awards

It's official! This year's entered yards have been judged, scores have been tallied, and the winners are..... Well, you'll just have to attend the City's Beautification Awards Ceremony on September 22, 2016 at Bowie City Hall where the results will be revealed! A slide presentation and refreshments will begin at 7 p.m. and the awards presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

International Festival

10/1, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Experience the cultures of many countries as you travel around the world in one day. There is entertainment for everyone; a Chinese dragon, music of the Caribbean, Latin America, Indonesia, Scotland and Germany, and dancers of Europe, Asia, Africa and America. For more information, contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@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 and programs, tune to the Veterans Forum on Bowie Cable TV Channel 11 (Verizon) or 77 (Comcast). Consult the guide for airing time.

Earth Elements City Hall Art Gallery exhibit opens 9/19 featuring works that depict fire, water, air and earth. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours).

Arts & Education Grants Applications are on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org.

For more information on Arts and Education, please contact Community Outreach Specialist Annette Esterheld at aesterheld@cityofbowie.org or 240-544-5601.

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

ROSENWALD SCHOOLS IN BOWIE AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY 9/8, 7:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

GENERAL ROCHAMBEAU'S TROOPS VISIT BELAIR 9/10, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

VINTAGE AUTO TRAVEL IN MARYLAND - SECOND TUESDAY LECTURE 9/13, 7:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

KIDS KABOOSE 9/20, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Ages 1-10 Bowie Railroad Museum Free

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL RETURNS Beginning Friday, **September 16**, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. No experience needed. Come out and make new friends, have fun and get some quality exercise **each Friday**.

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
14900 Health Center Drive
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.

FIND BALANCE AT YOUR CENTER

September 2016 Celebrate National Senior Center Month. Visit us to see the opportunities that are available to help balance your life. Find your balance and whole person wellness through our many programs: exercise, literature, languages, art, history, music, computer classes and much more!

FORT MCHENRY AND INNER HARBOR DAY TRIP

9/16, Cost: \$30 resident/\$34 nonresident

COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG DAY TRIP

10/27, Cost: \$90 resident/\$95 nonresident

Contact the Center at 301-809-2300 for more information on events, classes and trips.

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