

Bowie Spotlight

The Official Newsletter of the City of Bowie

May - June 2011

Memorial Parade

Come enjoy the City's Parade on **Saturday, May 28th**. Join family, friends and neighbors as we pay tribute to America's heroes! The parade will feature marching bands, veterans groups, active service members and many other local organizations.

The Parade will begin at **11 a.m.** at the Bowie High School Annex (3021 Belair Drive). Participants will march along Belair Drive to Sussex Lane, to Stonybrook Drive to Sage Lane. The reviewing stand, along with concession stands and restrooms, will be located in Acorn Hill Park on Stonybrook Drive. Belair Drive, Sussex Lane and Acorn Hill Park are wonderful locations to view the Parade. So bring your family and friends and show your hometown pride!

As you enjoy the Parade, please be respectful of the residential property adjacent to your viewing area. Please stay in the common area between the curb and sidewalk and remember to take everything you brought with you when you leave.

There is still time to sign up your group or organization to participate in the Parade. For information or an application, go to www.cityofbowie.org or call 301-809-3078.

Join us after the Parade as the 50th Anniversary of Belair at Bowie celebration continues on the grass at Sussex Lane as the Back Pages Band performs Beatles music of the sixties.



Bowie City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road

View the "Triple Crown" at the New City Hall

The "Triple Crown" kinetic sculpture hanging in the rear lobby of the new City Hall is the work of Philadelphia artists Kate Kaman and Joel Erland. Kaman and Erland named the large sculpture as a tribute to Bowie's racehorse history and its Triple Crown winners, Gallant Fox and his son Omaha. The sculpture consists of three golden flowers representing black-eyed Susans, not only the Maryland State flower, but the flower used to adorn the winning horse at the Preakness. Each golden flower contains 13 golden petals of bronze mesh outlined by copper tubing. Each petal is unique, weighs between 15 and 20 pounds and is roughly 1.5 feet wide by 4 feet long. The three flowers are attached together with three steel hoops each 4 feet in diameter. The sculpture is 12 feet wide and hangs approximately 12 feet in length. The sculpture weighs less than 1,000 pounds and is a beautiful addition to the lobby of the new City Hall.

The address of the new City Hall is 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716. A ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for the new building will take place on **Saturday, May 7th at 10 a.m.** We invite you to attend the ceremony and tour the new facility. For more information, please call 301-262-6200 or email publicinfo@cityofbowie.org.

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The City's TTY number is 301-262-5013.

For alternative versions of the newsletter, please contact the City's Public Information Office.

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Let the Sun Shine On

Several City facilities are now (or will soon) be utilizing photovoltaic (PV) solar systems to produce electricity. The electricity production will offset the facilities annual utility expense and tie directly to the facilities electric meter. Funding to install the PV systems was obtained through an Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant obtained from the Department of Energy as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act established under the Obama Administration.

The first photovoltaic site is the Prince George's County Genealogy Library, located at 12219 Tulip Grove Drive. At this location a 3.6 kW PV system comprised of sixteen 225-watt solar panels was installed on the south roof. The system is designed, under optimal conditions, to produce approximately 4,400 kWh of electricity per year and cover 50% of the facilities annual electricity needs.

The other City facilities where PV systems will soon be installed are the Radio and Television Museum and the Parks and Grounds Vehicle Storage Facility. The Museum will have a 9 kW system and the Parks and Grounds Vehicle Storage Facility will have a 3.6 kW system. The Parks and Grounds system will supplement the existing PV system that was installed when the building was constructed in 2008.

For additional information, please contact Matt Reno, Project Manager, at mreno@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3076.

Are You Protected From A Sewage Backup?

The City of Bowie uses a very thorough inspection schedule and maintenance program to safeguard against backups in its sewer system. With these preventative measures, the frequency and severity of backups are greatly reduced. However, when homeowners put grease into a garbage disposal or other household drain, over time the grease can accumulate and form a blockage anywhere in the sewer main. When that occurs, raw sewage and water can back up and flood into one or more residences near the blockage. Because these grease blockages are beyond the City's control, the City is not legally responsible for damages to a residence or its contents caused by these backups.

To protect against these situations, you need to have a special rider on your homeowner's or renter's insurance policy to cover damages related to sewage backups or water damage. This optional coverage is generally very inexpensive, but you must usually request it from your insurance company. If you don't have this rider and you experience a sewage backup, you may find yourself financially liable for damages which could amount to several thousand dollars. For your own peace of mind, it is recommended that you check your homeowner's or renter's insurance policy today to ensure that you have this rider.

For additional information, please contact the City's Risk Manager, Chuck Hessling, at chessling@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3082.

A Little Friendly Advice From the Community Forester

With the arrival of the spring and summer seasons, many of us turn our attention to the outdoors and to the condition of our yards including lawns, flowers, shrubs, trees, and even “hardscapes” (stone, brick, retaining walls, etc.). And in our concern for these things, we may either seek advice and proposals from commercial businesses, or we may be solicited by such businesses. In either case, I suggest the following when considering engaging a contractor to do any property development, renovation, and/or maintenance:

Always check with the contractor to make sure they have the appropriate licenses according to Maryland State Law. If the license is valid, you can then be assured of minimum qualifications to do the job, and you can be more certain they are appropriately insured. Some examples would be:

- Pesticide applicators need a license from the Maryland Department of Agriculture.
- Tree services need a license from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.
- Landscape contractors need a MHIC license from the State of Maryland.

Always ask the contractor for references from local customers. If they have a reputation at stake in our community, you have a better chance at receiving the benefit of high quality work at a reasonable price. Always obtain at least three estimates for the work with details of what will be done and how much it will cost from each contractor. It is always safest to get the proposal in writing.

As a City of Bowie staff person and as a private homeowner myself, I can't overemphasize the importance of these steps when engaging a contracting business. In my role as a community staff person, it is unfortunate to have seen some of our residents taken advantage of by less than reputable “contractors” who come from outside our area (and even the State) and use unethical tactics to convince folks to have some work done at unreasonable cost and with less than desirable results. Very seldom are there circumstances in which work needs to be done immediately. Also, beware of work that is sold to a resident based on the notion that the price offered is “for today only”. Note also that in accordance with Maryland State law and for your safety and benefit, contractors should not ask for more than one-third of the total price as a deposit to begin the agreed on work. It is important to be reminded that the prices offered by various contractors can be remarkably different, and both the work description and the financial aspects must be carefully weighed. Hope this helps some of the decisions you may have to make this season. Enjoy your yard and your beautiful City! Rick Kellner, Community Forester

Chief Judges and Judges Wanted for City Election - November 8, 2011

Chief Judges, Judges and alternate Judges are needed for the City of Bowie Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. Interested Bowie residents are requested to send a letter of application to the City Clerk.

Judges must be registered to vote in City elections. Preference will be given to persons having experience. All judges who are selected to serve must attend a training session (date to be determined). Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and judges will be on duty from approximately 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. One Chief Judge will supervise the Judges at each polling place. The Chief Judges will receive \$150 and Judges will receive \$120 for their duties on Election Day. In addition, Judges will receive \$10 for the training session and for any additional meetings they are required to attend.

Applications should be addressed to the Board of Elections, c/o City Clerk, City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716 or to pflaming@cityofbowie.org. For additional information, call the City Clerk at 301-809-3029.

Stream Cleanup Results

On Saturday, April 2, 2011, the City held its 7th stream cleanup. Volunteer stream teams cleaned eight different streams, removing a total of 1,650 pounds of trash and 1,325 pounds of recycling. A number of bulk items were also found, including a hood, trunk lid and other pieces of a BMW, a car transmission (from a different car!), a 40-foot section of yellow pipe used for gas lines, an intact wheelbarrow and tricycle, and a surprisingly unbroken 40" long fluorescent light bulb partially buried in a stream bank.

Since the first cleanup in April 2008, 1,593 volunteers have removed 12,295 pounds of trash, 10,850 pounds of recycling, and well over 5,000 pounds of bulk scrap metal from 52 stream locations. That is more than 14 tons of material that would still be littering Bowie's streams, the Patuxent River and even the Chesapeake Bay.

We were able to clean three new streams this time thanks to additional volunteers, but we are limited by the number of team leaders. If you would like to volunteer for a team or work as a team leader on Saturday, October 1, 2011 for our next cleanup, contact Tiffany Wright, the City's Watershed Manager, at 301-809-3043 or twright@cityofbowie.org. Prince George's County public school students can receive service learning hours, and Scouts receive a Green Bowie patch or year bar. Thank you to each of our dedicated volunteers. We look forward to seeing everyone in October!

From the City's Environmental Advisory Committee:

CFL Bulbs Save Energy

Compact fluorescent light bulbs have become a popular way of saving energy in homes across the nation, but specific cleanup techniques are required if a CFL bulb is broken. On December 28, 2010, the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published its updated guidance on how to properly clean up the remains of a broken compact fluorescent lamp (CFL). Included with the guidance is a new consumer brochure with CFL recycling and cleanup tips. The EPA encourages Americans to use CFLs for residential lighting to save energy and prevent greenhouse gas emissions that lead to global climate change. To read more about this, visit www.cityofbowie.org/Committees/environmental_advisory.asp.



Challenge Yourself With Our "Recycling Quiz"

Your latest gadget was encased in plastic foam with a Recycling Symbol Number 6 and the letters "PS". Do you add the foam to your recyclables?

Answer: See www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie.

Rain Garden Workshop a Success

On Saturday, March 26th, 28 enthusiastic people attended the City's first rain garden workshop at City Hall, hosted by staff from the Department of Planning and Economic Development. Carole Ann Barth, the presenter, is an environmental planner for Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources and an expert in rain garden and conservation landscaping. She taught attendees what distinguishes a rain garden from regular landscaping and provided basic planting and siting tips. For those yards where site constraints and other factors rule out a rain garden, she also discussed how native/conservation landscaping can be incorporated into the yard's basic design. Examples of 14 types of native plants were on display. Attendees asked a lot of great questions and sparked good conversation on different topics that helped identify additional needs, including information on detailed planting techniques and a workshop on various planting materials. Students from Bowie State University's Communications Department filmed the workshop, which will be broadcast on both the City's cable channel and the University's cable channel. For more information, contact Tiffany Wright at 301-809-3043 or twright@cityofbowie.org.

Beautification Awards Program

The City, in cooperation with Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton, announces the 16th Anniversary of the Beautification Awards Program. Nominations are being sought in the following categories:

- Distinguished residential whole yard landscaping/gardening (house/townhouse)
- Distinguished front, back, or side yard landscaping/gardening
- Distinguished specialty garden (i.e. Patio garden, Japanese, Butterfly, etc.)
- Distinguished wildlife habitat
- Distinguished business landscaping/gardening
- Distinguished school (public or private) landscaping/gardening

The judging teams reserve the right to view and score the project according to their schedule. Nominations may be submitted at any time but no later than **June 24, 2011**. The Awards Program is scheduled for early fall. All entries will be judged by nationally accredited members of the Landscape Design Critics Council of the National Capital Area Federation of Garden Clubs. Professionally designed and installed projects will be judged separately from owner-designed projects. Photographs will be taken of the yard and/or garden at the time of judging. Yards will be judged in early July on the basis of concept, beauty and overall design. Nominated properties must be located within the corporate limits of the City of Bowie. For nomination forms and further information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Youth Photo Contest

“My Favorite Place in Bowie” is the theme for the 2011 Photography Contest sponsored by Youth Services and the Bowie Arts Committee. Only color or black and white photos sized 8” x 10” can be submitted. All photos should be printed on photo paper. Photos should not be digitally altered or enhanced. Photos will be judged on quality (composition, exposure, focus and lighting) and creativity. Photos must be accompanied by the entry form found on the City’s webpage, www.cityofbowie.org. Age divisions are Youth ages 6-12 and Teen ages 13-18. First place (\$100) and second place (\$50) and honorable mention certificates will be awarded in each division during a reception to be held in August. Winning photos will be displayed in the Young Person’s Art Gallery during the month of August. All contest entries may be picked up at the Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive, in September. Note: No photos will be accepted for judging without the entry form filled out and attached to the photo.

Photos must be submitted to Youth Services, Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive by Friday, June 3, 2011. If you have any additional questions, please call Photography Contest Chairperson Margaret Suddeth at 301-262-9426 or Arts Specialist Annette Esterheld at 301-575-5601 or aesterheld@cityofbowie.org.

What’s Bouncing at the Bowie Gym?

Here are some events planned for the Bowie Gymnasium during the months of May and June 2011.

May

Bowie Boys and Girls Club Spring Volleyball - Tuesdays and Fridays, from 7 - 9 p.m. Boys and girls ages 17 and under.

Spike for Life Volleyball Tournament - Saturday, May 7, from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

June

Sport 4 All (www.Sport4All.org) Volleyball & Sporty Kids Program - Begins Tuesday, June 7, for ages 3-6 years.

HoopKidz Summer Camp (www.hoopkidz.com) - June 20 - 23.

Todd Bozeman Basketball School (TBBS@aol.com) - June 27 - July 1.

Code Corner

There are several new amendments to the Bowie City Code. The amendments and the entire City Code may be viewed on the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org.

Chapter 5, Building and Property Maintenance

- Storage tent structures are prohibited.
- Firewood must be cut to length, neatly stacked and raised six inches (6") above a concrete, brick or wood surface, or eighteen inches (18") above grass or bare ground.
- Moss, mold and mildew, chipping, flaking or peeling paint are prohibited on any exterior surface.
- Gutters must be properly connected or completely removed (including gutter hardware) and must be clear of obstructions. Runoff from the gutter system should not cause erosion or standing water on a neighboring property.
- House numbers must be four inches (4") in height.

Chapter 13, Environmental Noise

Lawn care equipment, household tools and appliances may be used at 7 a.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. on weekends, but they must be turned off by 10 p.m. Household generators may operate during emergencies, or between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. for routine maintenance.

Chapter 14, Motor Vehicle and Traffic

It is illegal to park a vehicle over the curb, or where no curb exists, beyond the street pavement.

Chapter 18, Peddlers and Solicitors

Any solicitor going door-to-door selling or promoting any product, service (free home inspection) or thing of value must have a City solicitor's license and may do so only between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Chapter 22, Streets & Sidewalks

- No visual obstruction (normally a bush or shrub) greater than three feet (3') high may exist in a triangle area formed by the intersection of the curb lines and points twenty-five feet (25') from the intersection.
- A property owner has 15 days to remove or remedy a traffic hazard located on their property or within the public right-of-way adjacent to their property. Property owners must mow the grass and weeds within the City right-of-ways adjacent to their property.
- Property owners adjacent to City streets or sidewalks must ensure grass and weeds do not grow over the sidewalk, over the curb or into the street.

For more information, contact the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 or lransom@cityofbowie.org.

Community Outreach Grants

Each year the Community Outreach Committee offers grants to assist in meeting needs of City residents. Individuals, nonprofits and others may apply to receive funding for projects that address concerns related to such topics as health, disability or other social concerns. Grant information will be available at the end of May, once the City Budget is finalized. Please watch for more information on the City website - www.cityofbowie.org.

Lyme Disease

Lyme disease is an inflammatory disease normally transmitted by a tick bite. If the disease is diagnosed and treated early, recovery is usually rapid and complete.

What are the symptoms of Lyme disease? The disease bacterium may infect several parts of the body and symptoms vary among patients. The most common symptom is a small red rash at the site of the tick bite. This spot may grow larger and the red rash may take the shape of a circle with a dot in the center. Other symptoms include: fatigue, chills and fever, and muscle and joint pain.

How is the disease diagnosed and what is the treatment? A physician's assessment of the patient's symptoms, risk of exposure to ticks, and blood tests determine the likelihood of infection. Antibiotics combined with early detection reduce the risk of a serious illness.

How is the disease spread? Lyme disease is normally transmitted to humans from the bite of an infected deer tick. The small tick will seek blood meal from humans and small mammals to aid in its growth.

How do you prevent Lyme disease? Avoid tick infested areas, especially those in and adjacent to woods. Wear protective clothing; light colored pants and long-sleeved shirts. Use an insect repellent containing a 20-30% concentration of DEET for adults and 10% DEET for children. Visually inspect for ticks and signs of a rash, every day.

Lyme disease can become a serious health risk if left undiagnosed and untreated. Prevention, early detection and treatment are important for a successful campaign against the effects of Lyme disease.

Excellence in Education Dinner

Each year the City holds a special dinner and awards ceremony to honor one teacher from each school in the City who has been deemed by their Principal and peers to be outstanding. This year the City's Education Committee hosted the Excellence in Education Dinner on April 27 where 17 teachers were recognized for their teaching abilities and commitment to their school community. We congratulate and extend our thanks to the award winners:

Cary Cartonia	Benjamin Tasker Middle School
Kara Pleasants	Bowie High School
Renee Thompson	Bowie High School
Jeanemer Catane	C. Elizabeth Rieg Regional School
Lynette Russell	Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center
Stephanie Villafuerte	Grace Christian School
Virginia Potts	Heather Hills Elementary School
Susan Bailey	High Bridge Elementary School
Teresa Dolan	Kenilworth Elementary School
Bruce Moffatt	Northview Elementary School
Teresa Stewart	Pointer Ridge Elementary School
Margaret Reynolds Price	Rockledge Elementary School
Ann-Marie Harris	Samuel Ogle Middle School
Juanita Jeter	Tall Oaks Technical Academy
Michelle Wilson	Tulip Grove Elementary School
Tippi Small	Whitehall Elementary School
Elyse Porambo	Yorktown Elementary School

Bowie Reads at Bowiefest

The City's Education Committee in partnership with the Tulip Grove Elementary School PTA is collecting new and "gently used" books. These books will be free to children who stop at the Bowie Reads booth during the 2011 Bowiefest. We are looking exclusively for books that are appropriate for children from birth through high school ages. Books may be dropped off in the front lobby at Tulip Grove Elementary School 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m on weekdays. When the building is closed, books should be left on the front porch by the double blue doors. EZStorage of Bowie has generously donated a free storage unit so we can accommodate thousands of books. So bring all you have and collect more from your friends and neighbors. For more information, please contact Marylouise Lopez at mlopez@pgcps.org or 301-464-3206. Thank you for your book donations!

Celebrate Bowiefest!

Celebrate Bowie at this year's *Bowiefest* on **Saturday, June 4, 2011** from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Around the Pond you can sample food from area vendors, including cotton candy from the Collington Masonic Lodge, fish and chips from the Bowie Elks, and beef barbecue from the Belle-Aires Twirlers. Other festival favorites include soft serve ice cream, funnel cakes, Italian sausage, frozen fruit drinks and fresh-squeezed lemonade.

Entertainment will be provided on two stages featuring Bowie's own Reptile World with Michael Shwedick, Dance Expressions, the Bowie Youth Choir, as well as the fabulous Hubcaps which are sure to get you up and dancing on the Amphitheater lawn. Bowie's own Misbehavin Band will have you singing with their style of classic rock music. And do not forget to bring your dancing shoes as we listen to the Good Kemistry Band on the East Pavilion Stage.

Stop by the craft tables and purchase handcrafted wares, organized by the Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton. For more information, contact Soroptimist representative Pam Fleming at pfleming@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3029 or 301-464-0610. And stop inside the Ice Arena for the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce Business Expo. For Expo information, contact Kelly Pierce at the Chamber at 301-262-0920 or kelly@bowiechamber.org.

The American Red Cross will have a Bloodmobile on site for those who would like to make a donation. And the Collington Masonic Lodge will conduct the Child Identity Program.

For more information, go to www.cityofbowie.org, select Leisure Activities and scroll to Special Events, or contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at mcorley@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3078.



2010 Saturday Concert Series

Town Green Park, 9th Street (MD Route 564)

Old Town Bowie, 2 - 4 p.m.

These free concerts will be presented "in the heart of the antique district" in Old Town Bowie. Concerts are canceled in case of inclement weather.

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| June 11 | 5 Oaks
<i>Folk/Rock/Country</i> |
| June 18 | Beach Bumz
<i>Beach Music</i> |
| June 25 | Positive Vibration
<i>Reggae</i> |
| July 9 | Project Natale
<i>Jazz</i> |
| July 16 | Durham Station
<i>Bluegrass</i> |
| July 23 | d.c. Motors
<i>Classic Rock</i> |
| July 30 | Tiger Style
<i>Classic/Folk/Rock</i> |
| Aug. 6 | 2nd Story Band
<i>Funky Blues/Swing</i> |

For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.



2011 Sunday Sunset Concert Series

Robert V. Setera Amphitheater

Allen Pond Park, 7 - 8 p.m.

These concerts offer relaxing entertainment for the entire family. All concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather.

May 29	US Navy Commodores <i>Jazz</i>
June 5	Benfield Brass Band <i>Concert Performance</i>
June 12	The Baywinds Band/Bowie Elks Flag Day Program <i>*Start time 6 p.m.</i> <i>Concert Performance</i>
June 19	Raw Hands Band <i>R&B</i>
June 26	US Air Force Airmen of Note <i>Jazz</i>
July 10	US Air Force Max Impact <i>Pop</i>
July 17	The Winstons <i>Motown</i>
July 24	40 Dollar Fine <i>Classic Rock/Country</i>
July 31	Prince George's Art Council <i>TBA</i>
Aug. 7	The Electric Company <i>80's Music</i>
Aug. 14	The McDuffies <i>Country</i>
Aug. 21	Joe Tichy <i>Acoustic Rock</i>
Aug. 28	US Army Blues <i>Jazz</i>
Sept. 4	Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition <i>Bluegrass</i>
Sept. 11	US Naval Academy Salute to America Concert <i>Patriotic</i>

For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.



3rd Annual SK8 Don't Hate Skateboarding Competition

On **Sunday, June 26**, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Owens Ski & Sport and the City of Bowie will host this exciting competition at the Bowie Skate Park. The day's activities will include a skateboarding competition with limited public skating throughout the day. Sixty spaces are available for skaters interested in competing, so register now. You can preregister at Owens Ski and Sport (Crofton, MD location) or you can register on-site beginning at 9 a.m. (provided space is available) on June 26. There will be limited public skating and restricted competition warm-ups from 9 - 11 a.m. The first round of competition starts at 11 a.m. and the final round of competitions will end around 5 p.m. All skaters and competitors are required to possess a valid Bowie Skate Park I.D. in order to skate at this facility. Skate Park registration can be completed on-site. All skaters are required to wear a helmet with chin-strap secure while skating.

To enter the competition, contact Owens Ski & Sport at 301-858-1962. To obtain information about registering to skate at the Bowie Skate Park, please call 301-809-3011 or visit the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org.

Participants and spectators are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, sunscreen, and sunglasses as there is limited seating and shade at the Bowie Skate Park. Please do not bring your pets to this event. For additional information, please contact Matt Reno at 301-809-3076 or at mreno@cityofbowie.org.

Farmers' Market "Opening Day"

Join us for the Bowie Farmers' Market Opening Day on **Sunday, May 15, 2011** from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Opening Day will host market vendors offering fresh locally grown produce, fruit, cut flowers, plants, breads, pastries, jams, jellies and more. Please be sure to pick up a Farmers' Market bag with a qualifying purchase. The market will operate 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, 2011. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Dialing 911 Safety Tips

from the City's Public Safety Committee

Since 9-1-1 is used for emergencies only, it helps to understand when to call and when not to call. An emergency is any serious situation where a law enforcement officer, fire fighter or emergency medical help is needed right away. If you are unsure of whether your situation is an emergency or not, call 9-1-1.

- It is very important that you stay as calm as possible and answer all the questions the dispatcher asks.
- The questions the dispatcher asks, no matter how relevant they seem, are important in helping to get the first responders to you as fast as possible.
- Know the location of the emergency. Look for landmarks, cross street signs or buildings when giving your location. Providing an accurate address is critical when making a wireless 9-1-1 call.
- While on the phone with the call taker, emergency help is being dispatched.
- If you dial 9-1-1 by accident, stay on the line and tell the dispatcher everything is OK. If you do not stay on the line, a police officer may be dispatched to your home.
- Teach your children how to call 9-1-1.
- The non-emergency number for the City of Bowie is 301-333-4000; the Administrative Office can be reached at 301-575-2480.

Mosquito Control Begins at Home

The tiger mosquito is a very aggressive day-biting mosquito, which is a serious pest in parts of Maryland. The City's mosquito control program cannot adequately control this species due to its habits. It breeds in containers in yards where we cannot treat and nighttime spray operations are not very effective for the tiger mosquito because it rests in sheltered areas where the spray will not reach. Reduce mosquito annoyance in your yard and neighborhood by eliminating sites around the outside of the house that serve as a habitat for mosquito larvae. All mosquito larvae need standing water to develop. As little as one-half inch of water in a discarded can or container will support dozens of mosquitoes.

The mosquitoes can breed in as little as a tablespoon of standing water. The flight range for tiger mosquitoes is only 100 yards. It is very small with white stripes. Adult mosquitoes only live for 1-2 weeks. It takes no longer than 2 weeks for mosquito eggs to become adults. The only way to successfully beat the tiger mosquito is to eliminate breeding sites.

Places in your yard that could breed the tiger mosquito include clogged gutters, tire casings, birdbaths, canoes or boats (stored right-side up), tarps over log piles, kiddie pools, wheelbarrows or watering cans, buckets, cans or bottles, trash cans without lids (or lids themselves, if upside down), and pet water dishes, among others.

To prevent breeding, keep grass short and brush cut back to limit areas where adult mosquitoes can rest. And stock ornamental ponds with fish that will eat mosquito larvae. For more information or to report a mosquito problem, contact csullivan@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-2336.

Bowie Youth Chorus Presents "A Disney Spectacular"

"A Disney Spectacular" will be an evening of Disney-themed music presented by the Bowie Youth Chorus at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts at 7:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 25, 2011**. The chorus, under the direction of Eleanor Minor and assistant director Maryann Jenkins, is sponsored by the City of Bowie. The Youth Chorus is composed of approximately 40 young people from Bowie, grades 5 through 9. The concert is a mixture of full chorus numbers, solos, duets and small ensembles, and a lot of choreography. Ticket price is \$5. Tickets are available at the door and from chorus members. The Bowie Center for the Performing Arts is located at 15200 Annapolis Road, adjacent to Bowie High School.

Springtime Tips from Public Works

Yard Waste Recycling is Mandatory. Yard waste is collected each Wednesday. **It will not be picked up with regular trash.** Yard waste consists of leaves, grass clippings, branches less than three inches in diameter (**no bamboo, dirt, mulch, or sod**). Leaves and grass (free of dirt and rocks, etc.) must be bagged, boxed or in cans. Branches must be no longer than four feet and should be securely tied in manageable bundles, or put in boxes or bags. Yard waste must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on Wednesdays. Bamboo is picked up on regular trash days.

Buying a new lawn mower? The City offers residents a rebate of **\$50** for the purchase of a mulching lawn mower. To obtain your rebate, bring proof of City residency and the receipt for the mulching mower to the Finance Department Cashier's window at City Hall. If the receipt does not specify that the mower is a mulching one, please also bring a manual or other documentation for the mower. Finance Department hours are Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Refuse and Recycling Reminders: Single stream recycling is here! Glass food and beverage containers (clear and colored); aluminum beverage cans and foil; bimetal cans - food containers; aerosol cans; plastics - soft or rigid, large or small mouth bottles and containers, tubs, bags, flower pots, cups, toys, and lawn furniture; newspapers, junk mail, catalogs, magazines, paperboard and cardboard should be placed in paper or plastic bags, or tied in bundles. All of these items may be placed in the same recycling container. You may use any container, just mark it "**Recycling**". The filled container may weigh no more than 50 pounds. Place it at the curb by 7 a.m. the day of your pickup.

Special pickup is for metal items only such as washers, dryers, water heaters, grills, bicycles, refrigerators, freezers, exercise equipment – anything that is 98% metal. You must call to request the service. Call 301-809-2344 prior to 12 noon on Tuesdays for that Wednesday's special pickup.

Large, bulky items such as couches, chairs, console televisions, computer monitors, sliding glass doors with the glass, wood tables - household items that are not 98% metal - can be placed at the curb on one of your regular trash days. These are not special pickup items.

Used Oil and Antifreeze: The City operates a drop-off facility for used oil, filters and antifreeze just inside the Public Works entrance on Route 450. This facility is open Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., the first Saturday of each month 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., and other Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Items not collected: Compact fluorescent light bulbs, sod, dirt, rocks, mulch, car parts, propane tanks, concrete, oil, gasoline, kerosene, oil-based paints or any hazardous materials. Prince George's County collects hazardous waste at the Brown Station Landfill in Upper Marlboro Thursday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 301-883-5045 for information.

Bowie Youth & Family Services

301-809-3033

Counseling Services

In our efforts to meet the needs of our community, Bowie Youth & Family Services offers counseling services to families with children living in the home who are under 18 years. Many of us experience concerns within our own family constellation that may be eased with the help of a professional. If you have concerns about your children or other family problems, please call. We have masters and doctoral level qualified and experienced counselors that will work with you to develop appropriate solutions.

Teen Workers

City residents – your help is needed in keeping our teens engaged and busy this spring season. As summer approaches, spring house cleaning and yard work often are put on household agendas. Teens that have signed on to the Teen Job Bank are looking for these kinds of jobs. If you are a resident interested in obtaining the services of a teen, log onto the website and complete the waiver and job request forms and mail to Youth Services at 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716. You will be sent a list of teens that match your request.

Prom and Graduation Celebrations

High school prom and graduation season is typically accompanied by an increase in underage drinking. Underage alcohol use is more likely to kill young people than all illegal drugs combined. With high school prom and graduation season upon us, the time presents an opportunity for parents and students to make a plan together for a safe end to the school year and the beginning of summer. Studies overwhelmingly indicate that parents have enormous power in preventing substance abuse. In fact, according to numerous national studies, youth say parental disapproval is a key reason they choose not to drink before age 21.

The following tips are recommended to help parents during prom and graduation: Know what drug-free “after” parties are sponsored at your teen’s school; make sure your teen has a plan for the evening and that you know that plan; know all of the “hot spot” destinations; take stock of the alcohol in your home; communicate with other parents and school officials about prom rules; know who is driving and encourage seat belt use; and stay up for your teen’s return home from the celebration. For more information, contact Bowie Youth & Family Services Prevention Coordinator Andra Berry at aberry@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3033.

New City Committee Established

Earlier this year, the City Council established the Animal Welfare Committee. This Committee will advise the City Council on matters related to both domesticated and wild animals. The Committee will make recommendations on long and short-term issues related to animal welfare, educate the citizens of Bowie on issues related to animal health and safety, discuss and research matters relating to the welfare of animals, both domestic and wild, as directed by the City Manager, and prepare an annual report on the state of animal welfare in the City and present it to Council.

This committee will have five members who will serve for two-year terms with the option to be reappointed. Meetings of the Committee will be governed by the Rules and Regulations of City Committees as adopted and amended by the City Council. The positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Recording Secretary and Alternate Recording Secretary will be determined by the membership at their first organizational meeting and a City Staff Liaison assigned. Interested persons should send a letter of interest to the City Clerk, City of Bowie, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716 or to pflaming@cityofbowie.org by regular mail or email by **May 27, 2011**.

Bowie Ice Arena

Bowie Ice Arena will once again offer summer skating camps and group lessons beginning in July. For registration information, visit us online at www.cityofbowie.org or call **301-809-3090**.

Summer Skating Camps

Small Skate – A half-day camp, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. during the weeks of **July 11** and **August 1** for children of all skating levels ages 3 - 6. Campers participate in on-ice instruction, on and off-ice games, and arts and crafts. Skaters put on a show at the end of the week.

Summer Skate – A full-day camp, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. during the weeks of **July 18** and **August 15** for children of all skating levels ages 6 - 13. Campers participate in on-ice instruction, on and off-ice games, and arts and crafts. Skaters put on a show at the end of the week.

Learn to Play Hockey – A half-day camp, 2 - 5 p.m. during the week of **July 11** for children ages 5 - 12 who have skating experience but who have limited or no hockey experience. Skaters must have basic skating skills and full ice hockey equipment. Emphasis will be placed on basic hockey skating, stick handling and puck control.

Freestyle Skate – An advanced level specialty day camp, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. during the weeks of **August 1** for skaters at the Freestyle level. Camp includes on and off-ice instruction, strength training, choreography, and ballet or Pilates.

Hockey Development – A specialty camp during the weeks of **July 25** and **August 8** with former NHL player Dean Melanson for hockey players who have team experience at the Mite travel level through Bantam/High School. For a detailed brochure, please call the Ice Arena.

Group Lessons – Lessons will be offered for children as young as 18 months of age through adults on Tuesday and Thursday evenings during July and August. Classes begin **July 12**. For more information, please call the Ice Arena.

The Ice Arena is closed during the months of May and June for annual maintenance but will reopen in July for summer skating.

Bowie Playhouse Presents



DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER -- 4/29 - 5/14

The play is a high speed farce where a marital couple and their lovers try to hide their affairs by lies and more lies. It all begins with Bernard seeking a weekend with his mistress while his wife is out of town, but his wife stays in town with plans of her own. The play is a mad romp with plenty of funny moments. Presented by Prince George's Little Theatre, 301-937-7458.

CINDERELLA -- 6/3 - 7/2

A musical written for television with music by Richard Rodgers and a book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II. It played on television originally in 1957. Based upon the fairy tale Cinderella, the story tells the tale of a young woman forced into a life of servitude by her cruel stepmother and self-centered stepsisters. With the help of her fairy godmother, Cinderella is transformed into a princess and finds her prince. Presented by 2nd Star Productions, 301-832-4819.



All performances are at the Bowie Playhouse, located in Whitmarsh Park, 16500 Whitmarsh Park Drive. For ticket sales and information about the productions, contact the theater companies directly.

News of the City Museums



Mark Your Calendar

Mother's Day Tea

Saturday, May 7, 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Celebrate Bowie's ladies at a traditional tea. \$24 per person. Reservations and advance payment required.

"Horsin' Around at Belair" Brown Bag Lunch Lecture - Monday, May 9, 12 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Horses-R-Us in Bowie! Enjoy a discussion about some of Belair's famous Thoroughbreds as Maryland prepares for the Preakness. Free. Bring your lunch, coffee and tea provided.

"Back to the 60's" Exhibit Opening - Friday, May 13, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Take a step back to "the way we were" when Belair at Bowie began at the grand opening of the Mansion's new exhibit. Free.

Discovering Your Past - A Genealogy Workshop - Saturday, May 14, 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Come find where you started—if it wasn't in Bowie, this workshop will help you find where it was! Sponsored by the Prince George's Genealogical Library. Call 301-262-2063 for information. Free.

43rd Annual Bowie Heritage Day - Sunday, May 15, 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Stable and Mansion. Talk about a Bowie tradition! Enjoy free music, pony rides, hands-on activities, exhibits at the Mansion...and our history!

Kids Kaboose - Tuesdays, May 17 and June 21, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Bowie Railroad Museum. Youngsters ages 1-11 can celebrate Bowie's earliest beginnings at the Railroad Museum. Stories, fun and trainspotting. Free.

Tuesday Time Travellers - Tuesday, June 28, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Youngsters ages 5-11 will examine Bowie's "horse history" with a look around Belair Stable, stories about horses, and a craft to take home. Free.

For information on these, or any museum program, please call 301-809-3089 or email museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

Hours of Operation

Belair Mansion,
Tuesdays through
Sundays, 12 - 4 p.m.,
12207 Tulip Grove
Drive. Free.

**Belair Stable
Museum,**
Tuesdays through
Sundays, 12 - 4 p.m.,
2835 Belair Drive. Free.

**Old Town Bowie
Welcome Center,**
Tuesdays - Sundays,
10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 8606
Chestnut Avenue, 301-
575-2488. Free.

**Bowie Railroad
Museum,** Tuesdays
through Sundays,
10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 8614
Chestnut Avenue. Free.

*To schedule a group
tour of any of the
above City Museums,
or for more informa-
tion, please call 301-
809-3089.*

**Radio and Television
Museum,** Fridays
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.,
Saturdays and Sundays
1 - 5 p.m., 2608
Mitchellville Road.
Free. *To contact this
Museum, call 301-390-
1020.*

**The Prince George's
Genealogical Library,**
Wednesdays 10 a.m. -
7 p.m. (first Wednesday
of the month 10 a.m. -
1 p.m.), 12219 Tulip
Grove Drive. Free. *For
information, call 301-
262-2063.*

Senior Services

Overview

The Bowie Senior Center provides a wide variety of educational and recreational programs and services that include information and assistance, transportation, and a nutrition program for the active adult 55 years of age and older.

Bay Winds Band

**Tuesday, May 3
7 p.m.**

Back by popular demand, the Annapolis based 70-piece volunteer band will perform a variety of show tunes, marches, country, and other musical medleys. The event is free, but the nonprofit band accepts donations to help with expenses.

TV Land Variety Show

**Monday, May 23
10:30 a.m.**

The Charles County Senior performers will present a variety show including the Golden Girls, Gilligan's Island and Green Acres. The program is open to the public.



Senior Chorale Spring Concerts

**Thursday, May 12 at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center and
Friday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bowie Center
for the Performing Arts**

The spring show is titled "Inspiration". Songs range from Carousel's "You'll Never Walk Alone" to Glee's "Keep Holding On". There is something for everyone! The May 12 performance is free, however donations to the Bowie Pantry are requested. Tickets for the May 20 performance are \$6 and are available at the Senior Center.

Information and Employment Fair

Tuesday, May 24, 4 - 8 p.m. at the Senior Center

The event is **free** and will include local businesses, nonprofit organizations and government agencies. For information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300. See you at the Fair!

"Happy Feet" Health Presentation

Thursday, June 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Kathy Cocoros, PTA, from Chesapeake Bay Aquatic & Physical Therapy will present a program on how to keep your feet healthy and happy. She will show you and have you participate in foot massage and foot and toe exercises. Wear comfortable, loose fitting clothing as well as shoes and socks that are easily removed. There will be a handout provided that you can use at home for daily foot care.

Bowie Senior Center, 14900 Health Center Drive

301-809-2300, www.bowieseniorcenter.org

Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Friday,
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.;

and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Rabies Vaccination Clinic and Pet Licenses

The City of Bowie and the Prince George's County Health Department will sponsor a low-cost rabies vaccination clinic and provide an opportunity to license your pet. The Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2011 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Bowie High School, 15200 Annapolis Road.

Dogs must be on a leash, and cats and ferrets must be secured in a carrier box. The vaccination cost is \$10. The license fee is \$5 if the pet is neutered or spayed, or \$25 if the pet is unaltered. Please bring exact change. For additional information, call the Prince George's County Health Department at 301-583-3750, or the Bowie Animal Control Office at 301-809-3002 or tdodge@cityofbowie.org.

2011 Bike to Work Day

Friday, May 20, 2011

Two Bowie Pit Stops:

Bowie Town Center Food Court &

Old Town Bowie Fire Station, 9th Street

Gear up for Bike to Work Day 2011! It is a free event full of fun, food and prizes. Join thousands of area commuters and show your support for bicycling, by taking part in a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work.

Register at www.WABA.org or call 202-518-0524.

Preregister by May 13 for a free T-shirt and bike raffle! For more information, contact Frank Stevens in the City's Planning Department at 301-809-3053 or fstevens@cityofbowie.org.

