



# BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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## Bowie International Festival

Entertainers, artists, crafters, food, and Children's Activities will fill Allen Pond Park at the Bowie International Festival on **Saturday, October 1**, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Experiences at this Festival will take you "Around the World in Just One Day." Bring your family and join friends and neighbors for entertainment on two stages; food from the far reaches of Asia to right here in our own backyard; children's activities such as stories, international dance, sports and games from around the world; and vendors of crafts, clothing, jewelry and many other offerings representative of a variety of countries and cultures. This Festival will include something of interest for everyone! For more information, visit the City's website at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) or contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

## Green Bowie

**Wetland Cleanup** Saturday, 10/8, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Join the City and the staff of the EZ Storage at the wetland on Gallant Fox Lane (near 197 and Old 450). We will be working around the wetland and on two other nearby City properties to remove trash and recyclable items. Supplies provided. Please RSVP to Tiffany Wright at [twright@cityofbowie.org](mailto:twright@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3043.

**Weed Warrior Work Day** Saturday, 10/29, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Whitemarsh Park. The City's Green Team is in need of volunteers to help remove English ivy from Whitemarsh Park. As an invasive, non-native plant, English ivy spreads quickly and is very destructive to native ecosystems. This is an outdoor activity that requires cutting the ivy vines at eye-level and foot-level, then pulling them back about two feet from the base of the tree to bag them. To participate, please register with Kristin Larson at [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044. More information: [www.cityofbowie.org/weedwarriors](http://www.cityofbowie.org/weedwarriors).

**Plant a Tree** Tree rebates of \$50 and \$100 are available for City residents who would like to purchase up to two trees to plant on their property. Trees can be purchased at any Maryland nursery or store this year, and there are 11 species of trees eligible for rebates. Applications and details at [www.cityofbowie.org/treerebate](http://www.cityofbowie.org/treerebate). Information: Contact Kristin Larson at [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044.

## What's Bouncing at the City Gym?

**Bowie Health Fair** Saturday, 10/15 Visit [www.BowieHealthFair.com](http://www.BowieHealthFair.com) for the entire schedule of events.

**Youth Employment Fair** Saturday, 10/22, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by the City Gym and Bowie Youth & Family Services for 16 - 24-year-olds looking for employment. Employers looking to hire, contact Duncan Churches at 301-809-2384.

**Pickleball** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Learn to play!

**Recreational Volleyball** Fridays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. No experience needed. Come out and make new friends, have fun and get some quality exercise.

**Gymnasium will be closed** for early voting October 27 - November 3, 2016. Gym reopens November 4th. For information, contact the City Gym at **301-809-2388**.

**Leaves** are already falling this season! However, the City's leaf collection program will not begin until early November. Leaves raked now must be placed in paper bags and left at the curb for Wednesday collection. When leaf vacuum collection begins in November, residents should rake leaves into piles at the edge of the grass for pickup. Please do not rake leaves into the street as that can clog storm drains and is considered a City Code violation. For information, contact the Bowie Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 or visit [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

**Lost Pets?** The steps you take in the first 24 hours can make a difference. Once your pet is out of sight, file a lost report with Bowie Animal Control (301-809-3002) and the Prince George's County Animal Management Division (301-780-7200). You will be notified if an animal matching the description was reported running loose, contained by a neighbor, or picked up by an Animal Control Officer. Canvass the area on foot or by car. Enlist the aid of neighbors and friends. Post a current photo and message on the Bowie Animal Control Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/BowieAnimalControl](http://www.facebook.com/BowieAnimalControl). Post fliers at local veterinary offices and animal related businesses. Create an ad on a lost pet website: Petfinder.com, Lostpetusa.net. Information: Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002 or [slopez@cityofbowie.org](mailto:slopez@cityofbowie.org).

## 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.

**Top Gardens Honored** The lovely yard of Lauren Ragsac captured the top award for the 2016 Distinguished Yard at the 21st Annual Beautification Awards held at City Hall. This event was cosponsored by Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton. Thanks to the nominees, whose hard work and creativity have made Bowie a beautiful place to live, and to the sponsors, Patuxent Nursery and Frank's Garden Center, who provided prizes and decorations. For a complete list of winners visit [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

**Outreach Grants Awarded** The City's Community Outreach Committee (COC) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2016-2017 Grant Program. This year's recipients are: Take Charge Pride Basketball Program; Rescuing Homeless Single Mothers and Children at Alpha House; and Rescuing Homeless Mothers and Babies in Bowie. Additional information on the Committee's mission and projects supported by them can be found on the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.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.

**H.M.S. Pinafore** 10/21 - 11/19 at the Bowie Playhouse. Tickets: 301-832-4819 or [www.2ndstarproductions.com](http://www.2ndstarproductions.com).

**Earth Elements** City Hall Art Gallery exhibit open until 11/11 featuring works that depict fire, water, air and earth. Meet the artists reception on 10/6, 7 to 8 p.m. Free and open to the public.

**Toys Through the Ages** Applications accepted through 10/1 for the next juried show.

For 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)

**OUTFITTING OUTLANDER: COSTUMES, PROPS AND MARYLAND ARCHAEOLOGY** 10/11, 7:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

**BOOKS ABOUT BOWIE BOOK FAIR** 10/16, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

**KIDS KABOOSE** 10/18, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Ages 1-10 Bowie Railroad Museum Free

**TALES FROM BELAIR AND BOWIE PREVIEW** 10/26, 6 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Documentary film showing. Bowie Center for Performing Arts Free

## Ice Arena

3330 Northview Drive  
301-809-3090

### GROUP LESSONS

Begin October 6. Classes for children 18 months of age to adults. Register at the Ice Arena.

### HALLOWEEN ON ICE

10/29, 1 - 3 p.m. Wear a costume or bring a canned good for free admission. Wear a costume AND bring a canned good for free skate rental too. Costume contest, treat bags and lots of skating fun for the whole family!

For information on public skating, pickup skating, birthday parties and more, call the Ice Arena or visit [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

## 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.

### GUITAR MUSIC AND SING ALONG

10/5, 11:30 a.m.

### HOT TOPICS: PREPARING FOR AN EMERGENCY

10/18, 5:45 p.m. Open to the public.

### BONSAI SHOW

10/19, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Open to the public.

### NUTRITION TALK

10/27, 10:30 a.m.

### "FALLING IN LOVE ... IN THE FALL" PERFORMANCE

10/28, 12:30 p.m. Fee and registration required.

### DAY TRIPS:

**QUEENSTOWN OUTLETS & CRACKER BARREL RESTAURANT** 10/5, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$22 resident/\$25 nonresident

### LONGWOOD GARDENS

12/13, 12:30 - 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$42 resident/\$46 nonresident

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