

## **This Week in Bowie (as of 10/21/2016)**

### **NEWS**

#### **Jobs**

The City of Bowie currently has the following job openings:

- Emergency Manager (closes 11/18/16)
- Call Center Supervisor (closes 10/31/16)
- Part-time Bus Driver - Senior Center (closes 10/28/16)

Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/jobs](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobs) for job details and employment application.

#### **Rides to the Polls**

Free transportation to the polls will be provided to seniors (age 55+) and those with disabilities who live in the City of Bowie on Election Day (November 8) and for Early Voting at the Bowie City Gym (10/27 - 11/3). Call 301-809-2324 now to schedule your appointment. The deadline for Election Day rides is November 4th.

#### **Early Voting at the City of Bowie Gym Begins Thursday, October 27**

Election Day may not be until Tuesday, November 8, 2016, but that doesn't mean you have to wait until then to vote. Early voting will take place at the City of Bowie Gymnasium (4100 Northview Drive) and eight other sites in the County from October 27 to November 3, 2016 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Registered voters can also vote by mail by requesting an absentee ballot. Details about voter registration, polling locations on Election Day, and voting by absentee ballot were included in the sample ballot booklet that was mailed to registered voters. You can also contact the Prince George's County Board of Elections for information at 301-341-7300 or visit [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov).

#### **Youth Employment Fair – CANCELED**

We regret to announce that due to a lack of participating employers, the Youth Employment Fair scheduled for 10/22 has been canceled. Another fair will be scheduled in the Spring of 2017.

#### **Deer Hunting at Belt Woods**

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will be managing controlled deer hunts at the Belt Woods Nature Area on Church Road through January 31, 2017. Hunting has occurred annually at the site for many years. This year's hunts are being managed directly by DNR for the first time and will be smaller and more restricted than in past years, with a maximum of eight hunters permitted daily. DNR has established a wide safety zone around the hunting area and imposed very strict guidelines for these hunts, to ensure that no weapon discharges will leave the property.

DNR has shared the following information with the City about hunting at Belt Woods:

*“...After a comprehensive analysis and review of existing activities and practices on the property, park managers, in consultation with wildlife biologists and experts, decided to continue the limited and managed deer hunt program as a vital tool in ongoing efforts to manage the local population of white-tailed deer.*

*For specific information about hunting at Belt Woods NEA and the Southern Region Public Hunting Permit and Reservation System call the Myrtle Grove WMA office at 301-743-5161.*

*You can find maps and the link to apply for the free Southern Region Public Hunting Permit at: <http://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/publiclands/wmasouthern.aspx>.”*

### **“Active Parenting” and “Calm Confident Kids” Groups Starting Soon**

Parents: Bowie Youth & Family Services invites you to sign up for their Active Parenting group sessions and join with other parents to learn practical skills to develop cooperation, self-esteem, and responsibility in your children. There's also a group starting soon called "Calm Confident Kids" that works with kids 7-10 who worry too much, to help return some of the fun of childhood. Learn more about these groups and other offerings by calling 301-809-3033 or visiting [www.cityofbowie.org/byfs](http://www.cityofbowie.org/byfs).

## **Upcoming Events**

### **10/21 – Gilbert and Sullivan’s “H.M.S. Pinafore” Opens at the Bowie Playhouse**

For ticket information, visit [www.2ndstarproductions.com](http://www.2ndstarproductions.com) or call 410-757-5700 or 301-832-4819.

### **10/22 – Prescription Drug Take Back Day 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Police Department**

Bowie Police Department’s semiannual Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, October 22 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Safely dispose of unwanted/expired medications at the Bowie Police Department, 15901 Excalibur Road.

### **10/22 – Electronics Recycling Event 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Public Works Department**

Do you have old televisions, computers, and other electronic equipment collecting dust at your house? Here's your opportunity to safely dispose of them at our Electronics Recycling event. It takes place at the City of Bowie Public Works Yard, Saturday, October 22nd from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Public Works (16500 Annapolis Road) is located just off MD 450 near Sacred Heart Church. Hard drives will be destroyed on-site by the contractor while you watch for a \$10 fee/per device. The complete list of accepted items can be found at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org). Call 301-809-2339 or email [csullivan@cityofbowie.org](mailto:csullivan@cityofbowie.org) for more information.

### **10/22 – Tip a Cop Fundraiser for Special Olympics 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. at Red Robin**

Support Maryland Special Olympics by eating at the Red Robin restaurant at Bowie Town Center on Saturday, October 22nd between the hours of 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Members of the Bowie Police Department will be working for tips. One hundred percent of the tips to the Police Officers will go to Special Olympics.

**10/23 – Octoberfest at the Bowie Farmers’ Market**

It’s harvest time at the Farmers’ Market. The market is open from 8 a.m. to noon. Starting at 10 a.m., attendees can make scarecrows (participants need to supply a long sleeve shirt and trousers) and paint pumpkins (pumpkins are available for purchase at the market).

**10/26 – “Tales From Belair and Bowie” Documentary Showing 6 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.**

As part of our ongoing celebration of the Bowie Centennial, Jeff Krulik, a Washington, DC-based director/producer, will present his latest documentary “Tales From Belair and Bowie” at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Screenings will be at 6 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. There will be a reception between the showings from 6:45 - 7:15 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**10/28 – Centennial Essay Contest Deadline for High School Students**

Enter this essay contest for a chance to win prizes of \$300 and \$200. Details can be found at [www.cityofbowie.org/centennial](http://www.cityofbowie.org/centennial). The deadline is Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**10/29 – Halloween on Ice 1 - 3 p.m. at the Bowie Ice Arena**

Celebrate Halloween at the Ice Arena. Wear a costume or bring a canned good for free admission. Wear a costume AND bring a canned good for free skate rental too. There will be a costume contest, treat bags, and lots of skating fun for the whole family! For information, call the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090.

**10/31 – Halloween**

Suggested hours for trick or treating in the City of Bowie are 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The Prince George’s County Fire Department has some great Halloween safety tips for kids and adults. They can be found at <http://pgfdpio.blogspot.com/2016/10/halloween-safety-for-kids-and-adults.html>.

**10/31 – Curbside Vacuum Leaf Collection Begins**

Details at [www.cityofbowie.org/leaves](http://www.cityofbowie.org/leaves).