



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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National Anthem & "Voice of Bowie" Auditions

The City will hold open auditions for individuals or groups to perform the National Anthem at City special events and for those interested in being the stage announcer at the Memorial Day Parade, Bowiefest, 4th of July and the International Festival.

Auditions will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall (15901 Excalibur Road) on Saturday, March 4, 2017 beginning at 9 a.m. for the National Anthem. Participants must be prepared to perform the National Anthem a cappella for a judging panel. Auditions for the Voice of Bowie will begin at approximately 11:30 a.m. Candidates will be asked to read from a prepared script for a judging panel. The chosen performer(s) will be invited to perform at the various City-sponsored special events.

For information or to schedule an audition, contact Special Events Coordinator Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

The Malcolm "Skip" Popp Award

The Community Outreach Committee is accepting nominations for the Malcolm "Skip" Popp Award. This award recognizes Scouts and/or Scout Leaders who have rendered "extraordinary and distinguished" community service within Scout organizations in the City of Bowie during calendar year 2016.

To be eligible for this award, Scouts or Scout Leaders must be affiliated with a Scouting group within the limits of the City of Bowie, and/or a Scouting group of which 50% or more of their youth members are City of Bowie residents. They must also be registered with the Boy Scouts of America or Girl Scouts, USA. Past recipients have demonstrated leadership in Scouting and have made a positive impact on their community and the City. Please see nomination form for details regarding eligibility criteria and information required. This year's deadline is Friday, **March 24, 2017**.

Nomination forms may be found on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org, or at City Hall. For more information, contact Popp Award Program Chairperson Sharon Hunt at shunt1@verizon.net or 301-802-0714, or Sally Hein at shein@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3014.

Attend Food Fair and Native Plant Workshop

On **Saturday, February 25** from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at City Hall, learn how to get fresh food from local farmers and how to landscape with native species at this event hosted by the Bowie Green Team. The program will begin with the introduction of local Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farmers, who sell freshly produced and organically grown food directly to customers. Come meet these farmers and sign up to receive more information. The second part of the program will be a workshop on native plantings and enhancement of native food webs in residential communities.

For more information, contact Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 or klarson@cityofbowie.org.

Join the Bowie Solar Co-op

Thinking about solar? Attend an upcoming information session to learn more about joining a MD SUN Solar Co-op. Neighbors in Bowie and surrounding Prince George's County can join the co-op to get assistance with going solar and to save money. The solar co-op is based on the same principle as buying in bulk, and joining is not a commitment to install panels. Once the group is large enough, the nonprofit MD SUN will help the co-op solicit competitive bids from area solar installers. Co-op members will select a single company to complete all of the installations, and each member will then have the option to purchase or lease panels individually based on the installer's group rate. By going solar as a group and choosing a single installer, each participant generally saves up to 20% off the cost of their system.

To register for an information session on **February 8** or **March 4**, visit www.mdsun.org/bowie. For more information, contact Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 or klarson@cityofbowie.org.

2017 City Holidays

City offices will be closed on the dates listed below. There will be no refuse or recycling services on these dates; services will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.

Presidents' Day	Monday, February 20, 2017
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29, 2017
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4, 2017
Labor Day	Monday, September 4, 2017
Veterans Day (observed)	Friday, November 10, 2017
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 23, 2017
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 24, 2017
Christmas Day	Monday, December 25, 2017

Bike to Work Day Save the Date!

Friday, May 19, 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. at two Bowie Pit Stops - Bowie Town Center Food Court and Old Town Bowie Fire Station. A free event full of food, fun and prizes. Online registration begins March 15.

For information, contact Frank Stevens at 301-809-3053 or fstevens@cityofbowie.org.

Pet Waste Can Be a Nuisance

It is the responsibility of every pet owner or custodian to properly dispose of pet waste. Pet owners must frequently clean their yards of pet excrement. When walking your dog or cat, immediately clean up the waste. Do not toss your pet's excrement into a storm drain or sewer and don't expect it to dissolve into the ground. Carry a pet waste bag and dispose of your animal's waste with your other solid waste. Failing to properly dispose of your pet's waste is a violation of the City Code. Contact Bowie Animal Control with questions or concerns 301-809-3002 or slopez@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 & programs, tune to the Veterans Forum on Bowie Cable TV Channel 11 (Verizon) or 77 (Comcast). Consult the guide for time.



Peter and the Starcatcher 2/10 - 2/25 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: 301-832-4819 or www.2ndstarproductions.com.

Toys Through the Ages City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through February 12, 2017. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours). Up next is "Let's Celebrate" focusing on celebrations and festivals in the U.S. and around the world.

Arts and Education Scholarships Arts Scholarship applications are on the City's website under arts, www.cityofbowie.org. Education Scholarships are available at area high schools.

For more information, contact Matt Corley at mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

THE LINCOLN COTTAGE - SECOND TUESDAY LECTURE
2/14, 7:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

KIDS KABOOSE 2/21,
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 1 - 10. Free

TREASURES FROM OUR TROVE - BROWN BAG LUNCH
2/27, 12 p.m. Belair Mansion
A look at objects from the City Museums collection. Bring your lunch! Free

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

WALKING PROGRAM
Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 10 a.m.

SENIOR FIT
Monday, Wednesday, Friday,
9 a.m. Hosted by Holy Cross Hospital at the Gym. For information, call Sara McKechnie at 301-754-7895.

PICKLEBALL
Tuesdays and Thursdays,
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL Fridays, 11 a.m. Drop in, co-ed.

ROOM RENTAL
The Gym has rooms available for rent for parties or meetings. \$25 per hour.

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.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH DISPLAY - TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

VIOLIN PERFORMANCE
2/3, 12:30 p.m. Spread the joy of music with Alexander Strachan.

MARDI GRAS
2/10, 12:30 p.m. Celebrate Friendship Day at the Center.

NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM TRIP
A second trip is being planned. Contact the Center for details.

Call the Center for more information on events, classes and trips.

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