

## News Flash Update – as of February 17, 2017

### Presidents' Day – Monday, February 20

City offices, the Senior Center and City Museums are closed on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. The City Gymnasium and the Ice Arena are open. There will be no refuse or recycling collection.

### In the Market for a New Appliance?

Shop Tax Free! This weekend, 2/18 - 2/20, qualifying ENERGY STAR appliances are exempt from Maryland's 6% sales tax. Details at <http://ow.ly/u8ew3094etC>.

### Development Projects Update

#### Melford Village

There is a Preliminary Plan of Subdivision for 1,793 dwelling units, including 293 townhouse units, 1,000 multi-family units, 500 senior age-restricted multi-family units, and 359,500 square feet of commercial and office uses at Melford. The proposal will be heard by the County Planning Board on March 2nd.

- *County Planning Board Public Hearing – Thursday, March 2, 2017, 10 a.m. at the County Administration Building, Upper Marlboro (NOTE: This is a change from the original date of this hearing. This case is being added to a full day of hearings. Although the meeting is scheduled at 10 a.m., the Board Chair warns that the case could be placed anywhere on the agenda.)*

#### Amber Ridge Conceptual Site Plan

There is a proposal to build 150 - 200 dwelling units and approximately 20,000 square feet of commercial/retail use on a 19-acre site on the southbound side of US 301, just north of Pointer Ridge Drive. Learn more about this project and the information that was shared at the February 8 Stakeholders Meeting by visiting [www.cityofbowie.org/amberridge](http://www.cityofbowie.org/amberridge).

- *Advisory Planning Board Public Hearing – Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 7 p.m. at City Hall*
- *City Public Hearing – Monday, March 6, 2017, 8 p.m. at City Hall*

#### Karington Preliminary Plan of Subdivision

A large development called Karington is proposed to be built south of Bowie on US 301. This week, the County Planning Board approved a revised Preliminary Plan of Subdivision for the project. Detailed Site Plans must be approved for each parcel in the development, prior to the issuance of building permits. Public hearings will be scheduled by the City and County as each Detailed Site Plan is filed for this project.

### Jobs

The City currently has several job openings. See details at [www.cityofbowie.org/jobs](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobs).

## Upcoming Deadlines

- **Arts and Education Scholarships** – March 13, 2017
- **Hall of Honor Nominations** to recognize those citizens of Bowie who have made “major and lasting contributions” to the City – March 6, 2017
- **Popp Award Nominations** for excellence in scouting – March 24, 2017

Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/542/Awards-Grants-Scholarships](http://www.cityofbowie.org/542/Awards-Grants-Scholarships) for details.

## Bowie Police Department RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) Training for Women

The Police Department will host RAD training classes on Monday and Wednesday evenings beginning March 13 and March 15, 2017, respectively. RAD is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. Contact the Bowie Police Department at 240-544-5777 for more information or to register.

## Events

**2/18 – 2/19 Valentine’s Figure Skating Competition** at the Ice Arena. Skaters from Maryland, DC, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Delaware compete in individual and team events for ages three to adult. Admission is free for spectators. Call 301-809-3090 for more information.

**2/20 – City Holiday.** City offices, Senior Center, and Museums are closed. Ice Arena and City Gymnasium are open. No refuse or recycling collection.

**2/21 – Kids Kaboose** - 10:30 a.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad stories and fun for ages 1 - 10. Free. For more information, please call 301-809-3089 or email [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**2/21 – Regular City Council Meeting** 8 p.m. at City Hall.

**2/25 – Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Food Fair and Native Pollinator Plant Workshop** 9 a.m. - noon at City Hall. Free.

**2/25 – “Try Hockey for Free”** 4:45 p.m. at the Bowie Ice Arena. This event is being held in conjunction with Washington Capitals Kids Club and USA Hockey. Call 301-809-3090 to register.

**2/27 – Treasures From Our Trove – Brown Bag Lunch** 12 p.m. at Belair Mansion. A look at objects from the City Museums collection. Bring your lunch. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**3/4 – Solar Co-op Information Session 10 – 11:30 a.m.** at City Hall - Thinking about solar? Attend an information session to learn more about joining a MD SUN Solar Co-op. Visit [www.mdsun.org/bowie](http://www.mdsun.org/bowie) to register. For more information, contact Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 or [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org).

**3/4 – National Anthem and “Voice of Bowie” Auditions** at City Hall. For information or to schedule an audition, contact Special Events Coordinator Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

**3/4 – Performing Arts Showcase** 7 - 9 p.m. at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. The City of Bowie Arts Committee is sponsoring a Showcase of Performing Artists from Bowie and the surrounding area. The program will include short segments from a variety of different types of performing arts. Among those performing will be Aimee Raechel – Bowie resident and harpist, Panquility – a steel drum band, The National Ballet, Magic of Speed, and Robert Fiester – longtime Bowie resident, singing and playing solo guitar.

**3/5 – “Tales of Belair and Bowie”** at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. Take a trip down Memory Lane and enjoy "Tales from Belair at Bowie," videographer Jeff Krulik's nostalgic look at Belair's earliest days. Photographs, home movies, interviews and wonderful anecdotes make the presentation special for anyone who "lived the Levitt life" or has an interest in this aspect of Bowie's history. Screenings are at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Admission is free.