



# BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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## Last Solar Co-op Information Meeting - March 4

Thinking about solar? Attend this information session to learn more about joining a Bowie 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 the information session on **March 4** (10 - 11:30 a.m. at City Hall), visit [www.mdsun.org/bowie](http://www.mdsun.org/bowie). For more information, contact Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 or [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org).

## 100 Games for Going Green

**Saturday, March 18**, 1 - 5 p.m. at the Bowie City Gym. Recycling can be fun! At this Centennial event, youth can bring specified recyclable materials and turn them into different kinds of game balls. The balls then will be used to play 100 games offered during the day. Games are designed for ages 3 - 12. The requested materials to participate include yarn, socks, 5 - 7-inch squares of fabric, 5 - 7-inch lengths of narrow fabric, 5 - 7-inch lengths of soft rope, old newspapers and plastic grocery bags. Volunteers are also needed to guide children through the activities. If interested (student community service hours provided) contact Mr. John Dutrow at 301-262-5252 or [john.dutrow@verizon.net](mailto:john.dutrow@verizon.net) or Donna Hooper at 301-809-2383 or [dhooper@cityofbowie.org](mailto:dhooper@cityofbowie.org). Register for this event at [www.cityofbowie.org/100GreenGames](http://www.cityofbowie.org/100GreenGames). Hosted by the Community Recreation, Green Team, and Environmental Advisory Committees.

## Weed Warrior Work Day

**Saturday, March 25** from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Major Lansdale Park (4301 Collington Road). The Bowie Green Team is in need of volunteers to help remove English ivy from Major Lansdale Park. As an invasive, non-native plant, English ivy spreads quickly and easily, 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 by contacting Kristin Larson ([klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org), 301-809-3044). This is a great Student Service Learning opportunity. Children age 14 and younger must be under the direct supervision of a parent/guardian or Troop Leader at all times, and no volunteers under age 16 can use tools but may participate by pulling and bagging vines. For more information, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/weedwarriors](http://www.cityofbowie.org/weedwarriors).

## Bowie Ice Arena

The Ice Arena is open for public skating daily. Monthly calendars are online at [www.cityofbowie.org/icearena](http://www.cityofbowie.org/icearena) or by calling 301-809-3090.

Registration for summer camps begins **March 15**. Half-day and full-day camps are available in July and August for children ages 3-15. Beginner through advanced camps including specialty figure skating and hockey camps with multi-week discounts available.

April Learn-to-Skate classes will consist of a four-week mini-series of lessons for ages 18 months through adults - all levels. Stop by the rink to register or give us a call for details.

## Parade

The City's Memorial Day Parade Committee is planning this year's parade, which will take place **Saturday, May 27** beginning at 11 a.m. There is still time to sign your organization up to participate in this fun and patriotic event! For information, go to [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org), and put Memorial Day Parade in the search section or contact Matt Corley at [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3078.

## Code Corner - Exterior Home Maintenance

When the weather turns warm, it is a great time to plan for a "spring cleaning". Your home's constant exposure to the elements can leave it looking dirty and dingy. Exterior siding can accumulate a host of dirt and grime or numerous stains such as pollen, bird droppings and rust. In shady, moist areas, mold and mildew can grow. Homeowners are responsible for keeping the exterior of their home free of mold and mildew. Power washing non-painted surfaces is an easy way to maintain the exterior of the home. For information, contact the Code Compliance office at 301-809-3008 or visit [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

## Dogs and Cold Weather

If it's cold outside and especially if the wind is blowing, you should stay outdoors with your dog to ensure no cruel conditions occur. Signs to look for may include shivering, whining or barking continuously, and anxiety. Pay close attention to your dog and if you think it is too cold, take your dog indoors. For any questions or concerns about dogs in cold weather or any other animal related issues, please contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002.

## 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.



**Nightwatch 3/10 - 3/26** at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: 301-805-0219 or [www.bctheater.com](http://www.bctheater.com).

**Arts Showcase 3/4**, at the Bowie Performing Arts Center (7 - 9 p.m.) Enjoy harpist Amy Welsh, steel drum band Panquility, SGI-USA Waso Taiko drumming group and The National Ballet Company. Free and open to the public.

**Let's Celebrate** City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through April 21, 2017. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours). The public is invited to an artist's reception 3/15.

**Arts and Education Scholarships** Arts Scholarship applications are on the City's website under arts, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org). Education Scholarships are available at area high schools.

For more information, contact Matt Corley at [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

## MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org)

**TALES FROM BELAIR AT BOWIE** 3/5, 3 and 7 p.m. Bowie Center for the Performing Arts Video by Jeff Krulik. Free

**AMELIA EARHART VISITS BELAIR** 3/11, 2 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

**BELAIR AND RACING - SECOND TUESDAY LECTURE** 3/14, 7:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

**18TH CENTURY LADIES' DAY** 3/18, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion \$30 Reservations required.

**THE LADIES OF BELAIR - BROWN BAG LUNCH LECTURE** 3/20, 12 - 1 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

**KIDS KABOOSE** 3/21, 10:30 a.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Free

**KIDS PASSPORT TO MARYLAND HISTORY** 3/25, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. South Bowie Library Free

## CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive  
301-809-2388

**CO-ED RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL** Fridays, 11 a.m.

**100 GAMES FOR GOING GREEN** 3/18, 1 - 5 p.m. (See item to left.)

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT FAIR** 3/25, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. For young adults - age 24. Hosted by Bowie Youth & Family Services and the Gym. Register by 3/20 at [www.cityofbowie.org/jobfair](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobfair).

**CHESAPEAKE FAMILY CAMP FAIR** 3/25, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Information on summer camps and activities in the area. Free. Open to the public.

**NIKE SPRING BREAK CAMP** 4/17 - 4/21 Co-ed ages 6 - 17. Information: 1-800-NIKE-CAMP.

## 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.

### ARMCHAIR TOURS

3/15, 12:30 p.m. Iceland  
3/22, 12:30 p.m. Canada

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY** 3/17, 12:30 p.m. DJ music and light refreshments. \$4 & \$5.

**SPRING VARIETY SHOW** 3/20, 12:30 p.m. South County Senior Center Show Stoppers present song, dance & more!

**BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT** Calm, competitive outdoor game. Register at the front desk.

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