



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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Memorial Day Parade

Come enjoy the City's Parade on **Saturday, May 27th**. Join family, friends and neighbors as we pay tribute to America's fallen heroes. Come out and cheer on marching bands, veterans groups, active service members and many other local organizations that make up the Parade.

The Parade begins at 11 a.m. sharp at the Bowie High School Annex (3021 Belair Drive). Participants will march along Belair Drive to a right on Sussex Lane, continue to a right on Stonybrook Drive, and then a final left onto Sage Lane. The reviewing stand, along with concession stands and rest rooms, will be located in Acorn Hill Park on Stonybrook Drive. Belair Drive, Sussex Lane and Acorn Hill Park are wonderful locations to view the Parade.

Bring your flags, wear red, white and blue and show your hometown pride! And remember the heroes of our armed forces that made this day possible.

Green Bowie Programs

Certified Backyard Habitat Tour On Saturday, **May 20**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Green Team Gardens for Wildlife group will host the 6th Annual Certified Habitat Tour. Visit six homes that have been certified by the National Wildlife Federation to learn how your neighbors welcome birds, butterflies, and other wildlife to their yards. This year's tour features the 2016 Distinguished Yard winner the top honor in Bowie's annual beautification awards. More information and a map of the sites can be found at www.cityofbowie.org/habitat or by contacting Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 or klarson@cityofbowie.org.

\$20 Compost Bins Available at City Hall City residents may purchase up to two bins per household. Payment is by cash or check at the Finance window during the City's business hours (Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and by check only at the reception desk during City Hall's night and Saturday hours (Monday - Thursday until 10 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.). Information: www.cityofbowie.org/compost

\$50 and \$100 Tree Rebates Trees can be purchased at any Maryland nursery or store this year, and there are 11 species of trees eligible for rebates. Applications and program details can be found at www.cityofbowie.org/treerebate.

\$50 Lawn Mower Rebates Buying a new mower? City residents who purchase a new mulching, electric, or manual reel mower are eligible to receive a \$50 rebate from the City of Bowie. To obtain your cash rebate, bring proof of City residency and the receipt for a mulching, electric, or manual reel mower to the Finance Department at City Hall. Questions? Call 301-809-3020.

Bowie Youth and Family Services offers counseling for all families in the City who have children in the home who are high school age or younger. We also provide groups for parents, children and teens on a variety of topics. Other services include outreach activities and a mentoring program for students at Bowie High School. 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. Call **301-809-3033** for information or an appointment.

Teen Job Bank - Bowie Youth and Family Services sponsors a Teen Job Bank, where residents can find Bowie youth who are looking for opportunities to make extra money, either on an occasional or a regular basis. Residents may use this service to find teens that can help with tasks such as lawn mowing, babysitting, organizing, shopping or other chores. The particulars of the job and the fees per hour are determined by you and the teen. You may access this program by completing the Teen Job Bank resident application found on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org or by calling **301-809-3033**.

Teen Mentoring Program Needs Volunteers

The City's Youth & Family Services Teen Mentoring Program is accepting volunteer mentor applications for the 2017-2018 academic year. Through this program, students receive the support of a caring adult and the mentors receive the satisfaction of helping students build personal confidence and strategies to navigate high school and other teen challenges. Adult volunteer mentors spend one hour weekly, usually during lunch, with a student at Bowie High School. This is a tremendous opportunity to make a meaningful difference in a young person's life. For further information, please contact Rhonda Simon, Program Coordinator, at 301-809-3033 or mentor@cityofbowie.org.

Living With Wildlife As we become more urbanized, wild animals lose more space and are forced to coexist with humans. Although wild animals enrich our lives and provide learning opportunities for our children, sometimes problems may occur. Our responsibility as humane and caring individuals, is to solve these problems with understanding, compassion and tolerance. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our wild neighbors, please contact Bowie Animal control at 301-809-3002.

Sunday Sunset Concert Series Begin 5/28, 7 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Concerts every Sunday through 9/3. Canceled in inclement weather. For information: www.cityofbowie.org, 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Farmers' Market Opens! 5/21, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Bowie High School Parking Lot (15200 Annapolis Road), each Sunday through October 29, 2017. For information, 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org

Bike to Work Day Friday, 5/19, 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. at two Bowie Pit Stops - Bowie Town Center Food Court and Old Town Bowie Fire Station. Preregister at www.biketowork-metrodc.org or call 800-745-7433 by 5/12 for a free T-shirt and bike raffle. Information: Frank Stevens at 301-809-3053 or fstevens@cityofbowie.org.



Attend Bowiefest

Saturday, June 3, 2017. Enjoy three stages of entertainment along with food, children's rides and over 250 vendors. Information: www.cityofbowie.org (search Bowiefest) or 301-809-3078

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.



Mary Poppins 6/2 - 7/1 at the Bowie Playhouse. For tickets: 301-832-4819 or www.2ndstarproductions.com.

Blooms City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through June 16. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours). The public is invited to a Blooms artists reception on 5/17, 7 - 8 p.m. Next up is Fiber Art.

More Books Needed! The Bowie Education Committee is collecting books to be given to children at Bowiefest on June 3 - please donate new or gently used books.

For information about these items, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

FAMILY FUN FAIR 5/6, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., City Hall. Free.

OUTLANDER COMES TO BOWIE! 5/7 - 6/30, Belair Mansion Exhibit. Free.

MOTHER'S DAY 5/14, Belair Mansion. 20% discount in Museum Shop for all moms.

KIDS KABOOSE 5/16, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Bowie Railroad Museum. Ages 1-10. Free.

PUTTING OUR QUILT TO BED 5/20, 1 - 2:30 p.m., Belair Mansion. Free.

BOWIE'S ANNUAL HERITAGE DAY 5/21, 12 - 4 p.m., Belair Mansion and Stable, Bowie Railroad Museum and Genealogy Library. Free.

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

COED RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL Fridays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Drop in and get some exercise, meet new friends and have fun.

NIKE BASKETBALL CAMPS: COED CAMP

6/19 - 6/23 Ages 6-13

BOYS CAMP

6/26 - 6/30 Ages 6-13

7/24 - 7/28 Ages 12-17

7/31 - 8/4 Ages 6 - 11

GIRLS CAMP

7/10 - 7/14 Ages 6-17

Information: www.ussports-camps.com/basketball or 1-800-NIKECAMP.

JUAN DIXON SPORTS INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL CAMP

8/14 - 8/18 Coed Ages 6 - 17

Information: 301-575-9400 or www.siBasketballCamps.com

ADULTS 55+

Bowie Senior Center
14900 Health Center Drive
301-809-2300

MAGIC SHOW 5/2, 12:30 p.m. and 5/16, 6 p.m. Free.

BOARD GAME WORKSHOP 5/9, 5 - 7 p.m. Free.

SENIOR CHORALE CONCERT 5/10, 4 p.m. and 5/11, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. 5/17, 7:30 p.m. at Bowie Center for Performing Arts. Contact Center for tickets.

VARIETY SHOW: SINGIN' IN THE RAIN 5/15, 10:30 a.m. Free.

INFORMATION FAIR: FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS IN AN AGING SOCIETY 5/24 - 5/26 Contact the Center for more details.

INTERGENERATIONAL TRIP: THE SOUND OF MUSIC AT KENNEDY CENTER 7/5, 10:15 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. Ages 5 and up. \$105 resident, \$110 nonresident.

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