



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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Celebrate Bowie at the Annual Bowiefest!

Celebrate Bowie at Bowiefest on **Saturday, June 3** from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Enjoy three stages of entertainment along with food, children's rides and over 250 vendors. Bowiefest is a long-standing tradition in the City bringing the best of Bowie's civic organizations, entertainers, and businesses to one place for one day. For information about Bowiefest, and the full schedule, go to www.cityofbowie.org/Bowiefest or call 301-809-3078.

Green Bowie

National Pollinator Week - June 19-25 Pollinators are an integral part of our ecosystem. According to the US Fish and Wildlife Service, more than 75% of our flowering plants and nearly 75% of our crops depend on them. Celebrate National Pollinator Week by planting native plants and eliminating the use of pesticides. For more information, visit www.pollinator.org.

Energy Efficiency Home Improvement Program In collaboration with the Town of Bladensburg and other Prince George's County municipalities, the City of Bowie can now offer grant funding to about 20 low to moderate income homeowners. The funds can apply to improvements that reduce utility bills such as adding insulation or repairing a furnace. If you are interested in this program, please contact the City's Sustainability Planner at 301-809-3044 or klarson@cityofbowie.org to see if you meet eligibility requirements and to fill out an application. Don't wait to apply.

Rain Barrel Registration The City tracks the numbers of rain barrels across the City for its Federal and State stormwater permit. Do you have a rain barrel (or two, three or more) installed at your house? If so, please let us know the number and volume of them by contacting your Watershed Manager, Tiffany Wright at 301-809-3043 or twright@cityofbowie.org.

Skip the Mess, Secure Your Trash

While not required, it is strongly recommended that refuse placed outdoors for collection be kept in a plastic or metal container with a secure locking lid. Trash placed out in plastic bags may attract wildlife in search of food resulting in bags ripped open and contents scattered. Once this easy food source has been discovered, you can be assured the animal(s) will return. In addition, placing your refuse at the curb the morning of collection, by 7am, rather than the night before, will limit the time wildlife have access to it. So, help keep your community clean by securing your trash.

More Trash Talk

For those involved in the sanitation and recycling industry, it's a sometimes thankless job that affords outside work, physical activity, a certain measure of independence, and the satisfaction of knowing that what they do is important. It's also a job with hazards around every corner. Struck-by incidents are high on the list of the industry's hazards. When you drive down the street, the refuse worker is this faceless, anonymous person. You may not necessarily know that a worker will cross the street to get the trash, so you speed up to go around the refuse truck and - boom - you run into the worker, or you run into the back of the truck because you're distracted. It happens all the time.

Data from the last five years show the percentage of industry fatalities from struck-by incidents is increasing. Today more people have cell phones; they become easily distracted; and they are not driving as safely as they should. To reduce the frequency of these tragedies, you should consider that the refuse worker is somebody's father, mother, brother or sister; and maybe you don't need to speed around that refuse truck at 25 mph or higher to get where you're going. Realistically, maybe you should treat that truck more like a school bus and not a traffic obstacle.

Studio Space Available for New Producers

TV studio space is available at the Kenhill Center for five-camera productions including the use of a teleprompter, green screen, and virtual sets. No experience required. Files are provided for YouTube and Bowie Cable TV (Comcast 77/Verizon 11). For information, contact studio@cityofbowie.org with the subject line "new producer."

Farmers' Market

Sundays, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road), **May 21 - October 29**. Information: 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Sunday Concerts

Sundays, 7 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park, **May 28 - September 3**. Canceled in inclement weather. Information: www.cityofbowie.org, 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Saturday Concerts

Saturdays, 4 - 6 p.m. at Town Green Park in Old Town Bowie, **June 10 - July 29**. For information: www.cityofbowie.org, 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Beautification Awards

The City, in cooperation with Soroptomist International of Bowie-Crofton, is accepting nominations for these awards. Visit www.cityofbowie.org/beautification. Deadline: **June 23, 2017** For information: 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org

Register for Camp and Lessons at Bowie Ice Arena

Bowie Ice Arena will once again offer summer skating camps and group lessons beginning in July. For a brochure with registration information please visit us online at www.cityofbowie.org or call 301-809-3090. The facility, currently closed for annual maintenance, will reopen July 8, 2017 for summer skating.

Mentor a Teen

The City's Teen Mentoring Program is accepting applications for the 2017-2018 academic year. Adult mentors provide support to high school students and assist them in building confidence and strategies to navigate high school and beyond. It's a great opportunity to make a meaningful impact on a student's life! Information: Rhonda Simon, 301-809-3033 or mentor@cityofbowie.org.

Need Help Around the House?

Contact the Youth & Family Services **Teen Job Bank** where residents can find Bowie youth who are looking for opportunities to work and make money. Find teens that can help with lawn mowing, babysitting, tutoring, shopping or other chores. You and the teen determine the particulars of the job and the fees per hour. Access this program by completing the Teen Job Bank Resident Application found on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org, or call 301-809-3033.

The Malcolm "Skip" Popp Award

The Community Outreach Committee has awarded Julee Fryberger and Christine Connally the Malcolm "Skip" Popp Award for their service in 2016. The Popp Award is presented to individuals who have given "extraordinary and distinguished community service within Scouting organizations located in the City of Bowie."

The award will be presented to Ms. Fryberger and Ms. Connally on Monday, **June 5, 2017** at 8 p.m. during the City Council Meeting. Prior to the meeting at 7 p.m., a reception will be held at City Hall in their honor. Scouts and leaders are invited to attend both the reception and the meeting. Attendance at the event can be confirmed by calling 301-809-3014.

Mary Poppins (Disney Musical) 6/2 - 7/1 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: 301-832-4819 or www.2ndstarproductions.com.

Fiber Art City Hall Art Gallery exhibit runs 6/16 - 9/17. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours). Artist reception on 6/28, 7 - 8 p.m. Next up, Photography by local artists.

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

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

OUTLANDER AND THE ARTIFACTS OF MARYLAND
Through 6/30 Belair Mansion
Free

WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM 6/14, 1 - 3 p.m. Belair Mansion Reservations required
Free

KIDS KABOOSE 6/20, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 1-10 Free

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE 6/24, 3 - 5 p.m. Radio and Television Museum. Free

TIME TRAVELLERS - DROP-IN GAMES FROM THE PAST 6/27, 12 - 3 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

STABLE STORIES FOR LITTLE PEOPLE 6/29, 1:30 - 3 p.m. Belair Stable Ages 3 - 7 Free.

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

COED RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL

Fridays, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Beginning 6/23, time changes to 4 - 6 p.m. through 8/18.

SUMMER INDOOR WALKING
Weekdays beginning 6/19, 7:30 - 9 a.m.

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

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.

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS!

6/6, 12:30 p.m. Featuring Guava Jelly band. All seniors invited.

EXPRESS LEARNING SUMMER CLASSES

Free one-hour classes. Information: www.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter

SAGE SUMMER SEMESTER

Classes begin week of 6/12

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

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