



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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MAGLEV High Speed Train Briefing

High-speed train service of up to 300 miles per hour has been proposed for the DC/Baltimore corridor. Some of the routes under consideration would pass through or very near Bowie. Baltimore Washington MAGLEV Project Director David Henley will attend the **July 10, 2017** City Council meeting to brief Council and residents on the status of the project. The meeting begins at **8 p.m.** in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The public is invited and encouraged to attend this important meeting about a project that could potentially affect the City of Bowie. The meeting will also be broadcast on the Bowie Government Channel (Verizon 10/Comcast 71) and on the City website. Visit www.cityofbowie.org/maglev for more information about this project.

Senior Green Housing Grants Available

The City's Office of Grant Development and Administration is accepting applications through **July 31, 2017** for the Senior Citizen "Green" Housing Rehabilitation Program. The Senior Citizen Green Housing Rehabilitation Program is a federally funded grant program that provides financial assistance to single-family senior citizen homeowners with limited financial means. The purpose of the grant is to provide energy efficiency related upgrades and repairs to correct hazardous conditions, eliminate safety hazards, repair or replace major systems, correct interior and exterior deficiencies, eliminate lead based paint hazards, and perform modifications for persons with disabilities. For more information, please contact George Jones in the Office of Grant Development and Administration at 301-809-3051 or gjones@cityofbowie.org. View details about the application process and income limits at www.cityofbowie.org/seniorrehabgrant.

More Green Bowie

Walk Wednesdays Are Back! Bowie's Green Team is hosting more walks on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. around Bowie this summer. They are a fun and social way for residents to get together for light to moderate exercise, while highlighting nature and many beautiful local walking trails. For the walk schedule, visit www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie.

\$20 Compost Bins for Sale at City Hall Purchase a \$20 discounted compost bin at City Hall and start composting. City residents may purchase up to two bins per household. Payment can be made by cash or check at the Finance window during the City's business hours (Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.) and by check only at the reception desk during City Hall's night and Saturday hours (Monday thru Thursday until 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. - noon). Learn more about compost bins at www.cityofbowie.org/compost.

Don't Leave a Pet Alone in a Parked Car

It doesn't take long for the temperature inside a vehicle to rise and become hazardous to your pet's health. Even on cloud covered days or when temperatures are in the 70's, the heat generated inside a parked vehicle can be deadly. Lowering a window is not a solution. Leave your pet at home.

Signs of heat distress include heavy panting, glazed over eyes, rapid pulse, vomiting, or a deep red or purple colored tongue. If you see an animal in a hot car exhibiting these signs, call Bowie Animal Control or 911. You may also report the vehicle's tag number to the nearest store or business and request an emergency announcement be made. For more information, please contact Bowie Animal Control at **301-809-3002** or slopez@cityofbowie.org.

Attend Open House at Bowie Ice Arena

Bowie Ice Arena will host a **FREE** Open House Saturday, **July 8, 2017**, from **12 - 3 p.m.** There will be skating, music, games, free mini-lessons and lots of fun for all. A great way to beat the summer heat!

There are still a few spots left in our summer camps and learn-to-skate classes. We have something for all ages and levels. For more information or for a detailed class schedule, please visit us online at www.cityofbowie.org or call 301-809-3090.

Bowie Youth & Family Services

We offer counseling for all families in the City who have children in the home who are high school age or younger. Other services include outreach activities and a mentoring program for students at Bowie High School. Our 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. For more information, please call 301-809-3033.

Farmers' Market

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

Sunday Concerts

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

Saturday Concerts

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

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 Extra Help This Summer?

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.

Did You Know ...

The Planning Department is currently updating the City's Development Review Guidelines and Policies, which are intended to provide clear direction to citizens, developers, builders, government officials and other interested parties on what the City Council has stated about the desired character and physical development of the City. The text is a useful collection of development review considerations that aim to encourage and promote a carefully planned and sensitively designed community.

A draft of the updated Guidelines and Policies will be presented to the City Council at its meeting on **July 3, 2017**. The Council will conduct a public hearing and vote on the draft document at its **August 7, 2017** meeting.

The public is invited to attend the two meetings and provide input on the draft plan. Comments may be made in person at the August 7 meeting or shared with Planning Department Director Joe Meinert via email at jmeinert@cityofbowie.org. To obtain a copy of the draft document, please contact the Planning Department at 301-809-3047, visit the office at City Hall or go to www.cityofbowie.org/draftdevguide.

Nana's Naughty Knickers 7/14 - 7/30 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: 301-805-0219 or www.bctheatre.com.

Fiber Art City Hall Art Gallery exhibit runs thru 9/17. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours). 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

MRS. RUMNEY'S HOUSEWIFERY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES 7/10, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Belair Mansion \$15 per child Reservations required

KIDS KABOOSE 7/18, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 1-11 Free

TUESDAY TIME TRAVELERS - COLONIAL SKILLS 7/25, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

GAMES PEOPLE PLAYED 7/29, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

BROWN BAG LUNCH LECTURE - BELAIR'S ART IS NOT ALL ON THE WALL 7/31, 12 - 1 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

COED RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL

Fridays, 4 - 6 p.m. through 8/18. (No play 7/7)

SUMMER INDOOR WALKING
Weekdays, 7:30 - 9 a.m. (No walking 7/3 - 7/7)

NIKE BASKETBALL CAMPS: BOYS CAMP

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.

CHRIS WRIGHT BASKETBALL CAMP

7/17 - 7/21 Coed
Information: 301-218-3425

For more camp information: www.cityofbowie.org/gymnasium

Gym closed Tuesday, 7/4, Independence Day holiday.

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.

MAGIC SHOW

7/10, 12:30 p.m. All welcome

THE NEW CLASSICS 7/28, 10 a.m. Board games free workshop

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS!

8/11, 12:30 p.m. Featuring pianist/vocalist Yvonne Johnson. All seniors invited.

EXPRESS LEARNING

Free one-hour summer classes

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

www.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter

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