



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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New Service Request System and Mobile App

The City has launched a new service request system to help residents obtain service or ask a question of City government. The new tool, called **My BowieMD**, is available on the home page of the City website and soon can be downloaded as an app for your mobile device.

With **My BowieMD**, residents will be able to report a street light outage, request a special metal pickup, report a pothole, or request a host of other City services quickly and easily, and can include photos with the requests.

The mobile version of the **My BowieMD** application will soon be available as a free download from the Apple Store or Google Play. Not only will it provide a means to submit requests when you're on the go, it will also provide easy access to some of the most popular City services. Checking the trash and recycling schedules, paying a water or speed camera bill, contacting a Councilmember, viewing job openings, and keeping up with City news can all be done from one's mobile phone.

We realize this tool may not be for everyone. Please don't hesitate to stop by City Hall, or contact us at 301-262-6200 or publicinfo@cityofbowie.org, with any requests or questions.

Development Review Guidelines Update

The Planning Department is currently updating the City's Development Review Guidelines and Policies. The City Council will conduct a public hearing on proposed revisions to the document at its **August 7, 2017** meeting. The public is invited to attend and provide input.

Comments may be made in person at the **August 7** meeting or shared with Planning Department Director Joe Meinert at jmeinert@cityofbowie.org. To obtain a copy of the draft document, contact the Planning Department at 301-809-3047 or visit the office at City Hall or www.cityofbowie.org/draftdevguide.

Midwood Lane Stormwater Pond Improvements

In **September 2017**, the City will begin construction to improve the stormwater management pond located on Midwood Lane near the Belair Swim and Racquet Club. The improvements will update this pond to current standards that improve the environmental quality of stormwater discharge to streams, rivers and bays. Specifically, modern standards reduce the nitrogen, phosphorous and suspended solids carried by stormwater discharges that are detrimental to the environmental health of downstream waters. The Midwood project is being undertaken to meet requirements specific to improving water quality of the Chesapeake Bay. The contractor is Blueridge Inc. The construction period for this project will run from September 2017 through January 2018.

National Farmers Market Week - August 6 - 12

Celebrate by visiting the Bowie Farmers Market on **Sunday, August 6** and find fresh, inexpensive and healthy food. The market is held in the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road) from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Also, come again the following Sunday on **August 13** for a free corn roast. The market currently hosts 21 local vendors and organizations that offer a wide variety of products such as fresh fruit and vegetables, breads and baked goods, jams and jellies, honey, beef and goat meat, ice cream, and fresh cut flowers. Each year, the market generates over \$100,000 for these local producers, a valuable economic boost for our community.

Community Outreach Committee Grants Available

The City of Bowie Community Outreach Committee (COC) is currently accepting grant applications that pertain to social services programs for youth, senior citizens and other underserved populations within the City. Applications can be submitted by individuals or organizations. Projects or programs should be conducted, whenever possible, within the Bowie city limits.

Applications and other information regarding the Grants are available on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org, or from City Hall. The application deadline is **August 4, 2017**. For additional information, please contact COC Staff Liaison Sally Hein at shein@cityofbowie.org.

Youth & Family Services

We offer counseling for all families in the City of Bowie 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**.

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

Farmers' Market

Cornroast 8/13, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Enjoy free hot buttered corn on the cob (while supplies last). The Market is held in the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road) 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. through 10/29. For information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

National Night Out

8/1, 6 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Join the Bowie Police Department, community organizations and area businesses to learn about crime prevention and public safety awareness. Fun for the whole family. For information, contact the Bowie Police Department at 240-544-5700 or cops@cityofbowie.org.

Sunday Concert Series

7 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Canceled in inclement weather. For information: www.cityofbowie.org, 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org. Concerts: 8/6, De Flame & Strykers Posse; 8/13, The Back Pages Band; 8/20, Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition; 8/27, US Navy Sea Chanters.

Did You Know ...

The City is investigating a report of a **Northern Snakehead fish caught at Allen Pond Park**. A fisherman reported catching a 6-8" Northern Snakehead fish at Allen Pond on July 2. The fish escaped back into the pond while the angler was extracting it from the pole. While this report cannot be substantiated, the City Park Operations Division is taking it seriously. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has been contacted and we are awaiting instructions on what actions we must take, if any.

Northern Snakeheads are an invasive fish first discovered in Maryland in 2002 in a pond in Crofton, Maryland. If one is caught, it must be killed immediately. If anyone suspects they have caught a Northern Snakehead fish at Allen Pond Park, please contact Park Operations Manager Sheri Beach at 301-806-3086 or sbeach@cityofbowie.org. You may also contact the Park Ranger on duty at 240-508-3881.

The Nerd 8/11 - 8/26 at the Bowie Playhouse. For tickets: 301-937-7458 or www.pglt.org.

Arts & Education Grants Applications are due in early fall. Forms will be on the City's website by mid-August, www.cityofbowie.org. For more information, contact Matt Corley at mcorley@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3078.

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

KIDS KABOOSE

8/15, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Bowie Railroad Museum
Ages 1-11 Free

DAYS OF VINYL - ROCK AND ROLL AT THE MANSION 8/19, 7 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

GAMES PEOPLE PLAYED 8/25, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

18TH CENTURY HOUSEWIFERY SKILLS - BROWN BAG LUNCH LECTURE 8/28, 12 - 1 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM! 8/29, 1 - 3 p.m. Belair Mansion Ages 5 - 11 \$2 per child Reservations required

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

14TH ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BASH 8/19, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Enjoy rides, games, music, face painting, giveaways and more for elementary age school children. Also, a parent resource area with information on programs and activities for the upcoming school year. Cost: \$3 or a donation to the Bowie Food Pantry.

JUNIOR WIZARDS AND MYSTICS BASKETBALL CAMP 8/7 - 8/10 Coed Ages 6-14 www.washingtonwizards.com/camps

QUINN COOK BASKETBALL CAMP 8/11 - 8/13 Coed Ages 6-14 quinncookcamp@gmail.com or 240-691-3662

JUAN DIXON SPORTS BASKETBALL CAMP 8/14 - 8/18 Coed Ages 6-17 www.sibasketballcamps.com or 301-575-9400

The City Gym will be closed for annual maintenance beginning 8/29. The Gym will reopen 9/11.

ADULTS 55+

Bowie Senior Center
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.

EVOLUTION GLOBAL POLITICS, PART 1 8/7, 10 a.m..

ORIGAMI BOX 8/8, 10 a.m.

PHOTOGRAPHY SLIDE SHOW 8/10, 10 a.m.

SENIOR CENTER CELEBRATES 40 YEARS 8/11, 12:30 p.m. Registration and fee.

NATURE SHOW AND WALK 8/15, 5:30 p.m.

WINDOWS 10 8/21, 12:30 p.m.

ARMCHAIR TOUR: FLORENCE AND VENICE 8/23, 12:30 p.m.

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