



# BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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## Salute to America Concert

The City's annual Salute to America Concert is set to take place on Sunday, **September 3, 2017** from 7 – 8 p.m. at the Robert V. Setera Amphitheater in Allen Pond Park. The Salute to America Concert will be the final show of the summer Sunday Sunset Concert series. The Bowie State University Concert Band will provide a selection of patriotic music. The Concert is dedicated to all those who currently serve or have served in the Armed Forces. We will also pay tribute to the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attack. A candlelight vigil will be held to remember those we have lost. So bring your flags, candles, friends and family to Allen Pond for this patriotic evening. All are encouraged to dress in red, white and blue, or wear military attire, if appropriate. For more information, please contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

## Bowie Ice Arena

Offers Back-to-School Lessons that begin **September 7, 2017** and run for four weeks. Classes are offered for all ages and levels from 18 months of age through adults. Series 1 Fall lessons begin October 5; registration will be held September 21 - October 1 at the Ice Arena. View class schedules online. Public skating sessions are offered daily. Information: [www.cityofbowie.org/icearena](http://www.cityofbowie.org/icearena).

**MAGLEV 9/5**, 8 p.m. at City Hall. The Maryland Transit Administration will brief City Council on the National Environmental Protection Act process. Information: City Manager's Office, 301-809-3030. Sign up to speak: City Clerk, 301-809-3029 or [ahernandez@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ahernandez@cityofbowie.org).

**Bowie Health Fair 9/16**, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Bowie Health Center. For information, call 240-485-7165 or 301-262-5511 or visit [www.bowiehealthfair.com](http://www.bowiehealthfair.com).

**Cop for a Day September 16**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Bowie Town Center. Experience a day in the life of a police officer. Enjoy a thrilling vehicle pursuit, foot chase, conduct a traffic stop, search a building, and more! Ages 9 and older. Registration is \$15 (includes a T-shirt) or \$10 (no T-shirt). Lunch provided by Mission BBQ. Enjoy the free Kid Zone with a moon bounce and other activities. Have fun while raising funds for Special Olympics. Register at [www.bowiecopforaday.com](http://www.bowiecopforaday.com).

## New City of Bowie Water System Fee

Customers of the City's Water & Sewer System see a new fee on their bill. Entitled "Renewal and Replacement Fee" it was put in place July 1 to help pay for the replacement of aging pipes in the water distribution system. The City's system was constructed in the early 1960s when much of Levitt Bowie was developed. The system provides service to approximately 7,900 customers, which is less than 40% of all City households. Now over 50 years old, it is in need of upgrading.

The Water System consists of the water treatment plant, 90 miles of water mains, three water storage tanks and six water wells. The Sewer System consists of the wastewater treatment plant, 85 miles of collection mains and eight pumping stations. The costs of the system are borne by the system's customers. No tax revenue supports the system. In order to pay for the necessary upgrades, a new quarterly fee of \$22.75 was imposed on July 1, 2017. Work on upgrading the pipes will take place this year in Long Ridge and will continue over the next several years throughout the entire system.

There will also be a rate increase for Fiscal Year 2018. The water rate increase is \$.23 per thousand gallons and \$.34 for sewer services. This will pay for increased costs associated with managing the system. Between the new fee and the rate increase, customers should expect their bill to be approximately \$30 more per quarter.

## Green Bowie

**Sign up for Bowie's Energy Audit Program (\$100 value)** Save money and improve the comfort of your home with a no-cost BGE comprehensive energy audit available for Bowie homeowners. Complete an application online at [www.cityofbowie.org/eap](http://www.cityofbowie.org/eap) or in the Planning Department at City Hall, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, contact Ashleigh Armentrout at 301-809-3044 or [aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org).

**Beautify Bowie by Planting a Tree** Add beauty, shade, and privacy to your yard. Tree rebates of \$50 and \$100 are available starting September 1, 2017 for City of Bowie residents who would like to purchase up to two trees to plant on their property. Trees can be purchased at any Maryland nursery or store, and there are 11 native species of trees eligible for rebates. Applications and program details can be found at [www.cityofbowie.org/treerebate](http://www.cityofbowie.org/treerebate). For more information, contact Ashleigh Armentrout at 301-809-3044 or [aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aarmentrout@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 information, call 301-809-3033.

**Thank You!** The Community Outreach Committee thanks those who contributed to the Bowie Pantry at the Sunday Sunset Concerts. We remind everyone that donations of nonperishable food, toiletries and baby supplies can be made at a number of locations around the City, including the Bowie Gym, Bowie Senior Center, and Kenhill Center. The need continues to be great.

**Indoor Sports Facility 9/18**, 8 p.m. at City Hall. Staff presentation to Council on indoor facility options and considerations. Voter ballot question process will also be discussed. For information, contact John Fitzwater at 301-809-3075 or [jfitzwater@cityofbowie.org](mailto:jfitzwater@cityofbowie.org).

**Beautification Awards Ceremony 9/21** at City Hall. Slide presentation and refreshments at 7 p.m. Awards presentation at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

**Hall of Honor 9/23**, 7 p.m. at City Hall. Joan Christian and Mary Nusser will be inducted into the City's Hall of Honor. Information: Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

## Did You Know ...

"Can I keep chickens on my property?" is a frequently asked question of homeowners living within the municipal limits of the City of Bowie. The City's Animal Control Office also receives an increasing number of complaints regarding neighbors maintaining chickens on their property.

Chapter 4, Sec. 4-4 of the City Code states, "The use of any land or building in the City of Bowie, Maryland for the purpose of keeping poultry, cattle or livestock must comply with the provisions of Subtitle 27, "Zoning", of the Prince George's County code." Please call the Prince George's County Zoning Office at 301-952-3208 to determine whether or not you are zoned for this use. For more information, please contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002.

**Annie Get Your Gun 9/22 - 10/23** at the Bowie Playhouse. For tickets: 301-832-4819 or [www.2ndstarproductions.com](http://www.2ndstarproductions.com).

**Arts & Education Grants** Applications are on the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

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## MUSEUMS

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

**GAMES PEOPLE PLAYED 9/2**, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Enjoy games from the past. Free

**FAIRY TALE FRIDAY 9/8**, 10 - 11 a.m. Belair Mansion Ages 2 - 6 Enjoy stories, a craft and refreshments. Free

**GENERAL ROCHAMBEAU'S MARCH THROUGH BOWIE 9/9**, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Reenactments & activities Free

**THE MARYLAND 400 LECTURE 9/9**, 2 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

**RESEARCHING FOUNDING FATHERS' MYSTERIES - SECOND TUESDAY LECTURE 9/12**, 7:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

**KIDS KABOOSE 9/19**, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Ages 1-11 Bowie Railroad Museum Free

## CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive  
301-809-2388

**COED RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL** Beginning Friday, **September 15**, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. No experience needed. Have fun and get some quality exercise **every Friday**.

**MORNING WALKING** Beginning 9/11, 8:30 - 10 a.m. weekdays

**MEETING ROOM RENTALS AVAILABLE** Can accommodate groups of 35 or less. \$25 per hour Call 301-809-2388 for availability.

**The City Gym will be closed for annual maintenance 8/28 - 9/10. The Gym will reopen 9/11.**

## 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.

**HEALTHY WEIGHT BASICS (NUTRITION 101)**  
9/7, 10:30 a.m.

**CELEBRATE SENIOR CENTER MONTH**  
9/26, 5:30 - 7 p.m. DJ Party  
Open to the public.

**BOARD GAME SESSION 3**  
9/29, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**SUPPORT GROUP FOR WIDOWED PERSONS**  
10/5 - 11/9, Thursdays, 2 - 4 p.m.

**Contact the Center at 301-809-2300 for more information on events, classes and trips.**

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