



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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Northridge Temporary Intersection Closure

The City has contracted with Priority Construction Corporation to rebuild the brick paver intersection at Quill Point and Quarterhorse Drives in the Northridge neighborhood. The work began March 20th and the intersection will remain closed during construction, which is expected to take no more than 60 days.

We regret the inconvenience to the community; however a public street route will be available to all properties during the construction period and residents will have continual access to their driveways. Work will take place Monday thru Friday, between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. The City will have an inspector assigned to this project to observe the daily work and the contractor will have a superintendent on site during construction.

Thank you for your patience during this temporary disruption period. Please contact Jackie Tayman at 301-809-2332 or jtayman@cityofbowie.org if you have questions or concerns about this project.

April is Earth Month - Let's Celebrate!

Tree Planting Workshop April 1, 1 p.m. at Patuxent Nursery. Learn about eleven species of trees recommended for this area that qualify you for a \$50 or \$100 rebate if you are a City resident. Register at www.bowietreeworkshop.eventbrite.com.

Bowie Green Expo April 8, 12 - 4 p.m. at Kenhill Center. Free family-fun event open to the public. Hosted by the Lions Club, the City and the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce.

Bringing Nature Home April 21, 7 p.m. at Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. Dr. Doug Tallamy will explain how residents and communities can landscape with and for nature. Hosted by the Prince George's Soil Conservation District, Bowie-Crofton Garden Club and the Bowie Environmental Advisory Committee. Register at www.dougtallamytalk.eventbrite.com.

Earth Day Concert and Art Exhibit April 22, 7 p.m. at Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. Sponsored by Bowie's Green Team. The theme of the night is "Best of Bowie" in honor of the City's Centennial year. Free. Register at www.bowieearthday.eventbrite.com.

Spring Plant Sale April 29, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Bowie Library Parking Lot. Shop a wide variety of native Maryland plants, herbs, annuals, perennials, vegetables and shrubs at this event sponsored by the Bowie-Crofton Garden Club and the City's Green Team. Information: www.bcgardenclub.org

For more information, contact Kristin Larson at klarson@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044.

More Green Bowie Events

Stream Cleanup April 1, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Do you appreciate the City's streams and waterways? If so, join us at our annual stream cleanup. Volunteers walk along stream segments and pick up trash and litter. All supplies provided. Prince George's County students can receive service learning hours.

Rain Barrel Workshop April 19, 7 p.m. at City Hall. If you've considered getting a rain barrel but just were not sure what they are all about, this free workshop is for you. It discusses the many benefits, and the installation and maintenance, of rain barrels. Attendees will also be able to purchase a rain barrel from the Lions Club to take home. For information visit www.cityofbowie.org/rainbarrels

For information about these events, contact Tiffany Wright at twright@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3043.

Bowie Ice Arena April Learn-to-Skate Lessons starting - four-week mini-series of lessons for ages 18 months through adults, all levels. **Summer Camp Registration** is underway. Half and full-day camps are available in July and August for ages 3-15. Beginner through advanced camps including specialty figure skating and hockey camps with multi-week discounts are available. For more information, contact the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090. **Open daily for public skating through April 30. The Ice Arena will close in May and June for annual maintenance.**

Unmanned Aircraft THIS ITEM HAS BEEN REMOVED BECAUSE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED WAS INCONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW. For information about the use of drones in City of Bowie parks, please contact the Park Operations Division at 301-809-3086 (1/2018).

Where Is Your Cleanout?

The backup of sewage through the drains in your home is an unpleasant prospect. There are steps you can take to protect your property. The first question you will hear from City Utilities Staff when they respond to a sewage backup is, "Do you know where your cleanout is?" Most people do not realize the importance of having a sewer cleanout; however, it could save you considerable money in the event of a backup. A cleanout is a pipe in your yard that rises from your sewer line to about 4" above ground level and is capped. A cleanout makes the sewer line accessible, and without a cleanout it is impossible to clean the line. If you do not have a cleanout, you should seriously consider having a plumber install one as close to your house as possible. Check your homeowner's insurance policy to determine if you are covered for a sewage backup. This insurance is relatively inexpensive for the coverage and peace of mind it provides. If you are not covered for sewage backups, call your agent for information on cost and coverage options. Finally, if you experience a backup, save all receipts related to any repair, cleaning, or damages.

Mentors Needed 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.

Celebrate Arbor Day! **4/29** at 10 a.m., Acorn Hill Park at Stonybrook Drive and Sage Lane. For information, contact Rick Kellner at 301-809-3061 or rkellner@cityofbowie.org.

Memorial Day Parade Saturday, 5/27, 11 a.m. There is still time to sign your organization up to participate in this fun and patriotic event!

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. Free event full of food, fun and prizes. Preregister at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org or call 800-745-7433 by **5/12** for a free T-shirt and bike raffle. Information: Frank Stevens, 301-809-3053 or fstevens@cityofbowie.org.

Beautification Awards The City is now accepting nominations for this year's program recognizing outstanding gardens of homes, businesses and schools. Visit www.cityofbowie.org and search Beautification Awards. Or contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Hydrant Flushing The annual fire hydrant flushing program begins **April 3** in areas served by City water. Visit www.cityofbowie.org/flush for the schedule. For more information, call 301-809-2344.

Did You Know ... City streets are swept free of dirt and debris between spring and early fall each year. View the sweeping schedule on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org/sweep. The schedule may change due to weather conditions or equipment repair. Changes will be posted on the website. For more information, call the Department of Public Works at 240-544-5686.

The Uninvited 4/28 - 5/13 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information - 301-937-7458 or www.pglf.org.

Let's Celebrate City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through April 21, 2017. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours). Up next, "Blooms" focusing on floral themes.

Education Committee Is Collecting Books to give away to children at Bowiefest on 6/3. The Committee needs lots of children's books!

For more information, contact Annette Esterheld at aesterheld@cityofbowie.org or 240-544-5601.

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

OUR QUILT COMES HOME! 4/2, 12:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Free

MUSIC THROUGH THE DECADES 4/8, 12 - 3 p.m. at Huntington Community Center. Free

COLONIAL CATS - SECOND TUESDAY LECTURE 4/11, 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Free

KIDS KABOOSE 4/18, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum. Free

SUNROOM FUNROOM - GAMES PEOPLE PLAYED 4/19, 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Free

RAILS FOR KIDS 4/20, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Free

All Museums open Easter, 4/16!

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

COED RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL

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

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Friday, 4/14, 12:30 - 8:30 p.m. For appointment: 1-800-RED-CROSS or www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code "Bowie Gym".

COED NIKE SPRING BREAK BASKETBALL CAMP

4/17 - 4/21, Ages 6-17. For information: 1-800-NIKECAMP or www.USSportsCamps.com/basketball

For summer camp dates, visit www.cityofbowie.org/gymnasium

The City Gym will be closed on Easter, Sunday, April 16.

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.

WHITE HOUSE EASTER EGG ROLL MEMORIES

Tuesday, 4/4, 10 a.m.

DOWNSIZING AND GETTING RID OF CLUTTER - FIRESIDE CHAT

Tuesday, 4/11, 11 a.m.

BOWIE'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Thursday, 4/13, 10 a.m.

HOT TOPICS: SENIOR CENTER CAFE CHAT

Tuesday, 4/18, 5:45 p.m.

CAPITAL REEDS PERFORMANCE

Tuesday, 4/25, 6 - 7 p.m.

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