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City Council District 2 Special Election - March 12

The City of Bowie will hold a Special Election on **Monday, March 12, 2018** to fill a vacancy in the District 2 Councilmember seat. The vacancy was created when a majority of District 2 voters supported the recall of Councilmember Diane Polangin in December.

Only voters of District 2 will be eligible to vote in this election. Residents who are interested in filing to run should contact City Clerk Awilda Hernandez at 301-809-3029 or ahernandez@cityofbowie.org. Candidate information can be found at www.cityofbowie.org/election. A candidate for the seat must live in District 2, be a registered voter, and have lived in the City for at least one year. **The filing deadline is February 9, 2018.**

Bowie Police Town Hall Meeting Join the Bowie Police Department for a town hall meeting to discuss community input on the Department's three-year strategic plan. Meetings are scheduled for **January 31**, 7 p.m. at Huntington Community Center and **February 1**, 7 p.m. at Pointer Ridge Elementary School. For more information, contact the Police Department at 240-544-5792.

Five-Year Consolidated Plan Public Hearing - 2/5

On **February 5** at 8 p.m. at City Hall, join the Office of Grant Development & Administration in a discussion on the process and development of the Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Five Year (FY19-23) Consolidated Plan for the City of Bowie. Topics include the needs of the community in the areas of housing, homelessness, community development and economic development. The draft CPP is available for review at Bowie Public Libraries, the Bowie Senior Center, and City Hall or at www.cityofbowie.org/conplan until February 5, 2018. Please send information requests/written comments to bowieplan19@cityofbowie.org.

City Board and Committee Vacancies

Volunteers are needed for the following City boards and committees: Administrative Review Board, Arts Committee, Community Outreach Committee, Community Recreation Committee, Diversity Committee, Education Committee, Board of Elections, Environmental Advisory Committee, Financial Advisory Committee, Green Team Executive Committee, Information Technology Committee and Board of Personnel Appeals. Information on the role of each committee and how to apply for membership can be found at www.cityofbowie.org or by contacting the City Clerk at ahernandez@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3029.

Bowie Ice Arena Events Series 3 Learn-to-Skate Classes begin **February 1**. Register in person at the rink for all ages and levels (18 months and older). Special beginner discounts are available. The Public Skating Session calendar is available online at www.cityofbowie.org/icearena. Bowie Ice Arena will host the annual Valentine's Figure Skating Competition **February 17-18** – free to watch. For more information, call 301-809-3090 or visit www.cityofbowie.org/icearena.

2018 City Holidays

City offices will be closed on the dates listed below. There will be no refuse or recycling services on these dates; services will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.

Presidents' Day	Monday, February 19, 2018
Memorial Day	Monday, May 28, 2018
Independence Day	Wednesday, July 4, 2018
Labor Day	Monday, September 3, 2018
Veterans Day (observed)	Monday, November 12, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 22, 2018
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 23, 2018
Christmas Day	Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Bike to Work Day Save the Date!

Friday, May 18, 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. at two Bowie Pit Stops - Bowie Town Center Food Court and Old Town Bowie Fire Station. A free event full of food, fun and prizes.

For more information, contact Frank Stevens at 301-809-3053 or fstevens@cityofbowie.org.

National Anthem and "Voice of Bowie" Auditions

The City will hold open auditions for individuals or groups to perform the National Anthem at City special events and for those interested in being the stage announcer at the Memorial Day Parade, Bowiefest, 4th of July and the International Festival. Auditions will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall (15901 Excalibur Road) on **Saturday, March 3, 2018** beginning at 9 a.m. for the National Anthem. Participants must be prepared to perform the National Anthem a cappella for a judging panel. Auditions for the Voice of Bowie will begin at approximately 11:30 a.m. Candidates will be asked to read from a prepared script for a judging panel. The chosen performer(s) will be invited to perform at the various City-sponsored special events. For information or to schedule an audition, contact Special Events Coordinator Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Did You Know ...? The Community Outreach Committee is accepting nominations for the **Malcolm "Skip" Popp Award**. This award recognizes Scouts and/or Scout Leaders who have rendered "extraordinary and distinguished" community service within Scout organizations in the City of Bowie during calendar year 2017. To be eligible for this award, Scouts or Scout Leaders must be affiliated with a Scouting group within the limits of the City of Bowie, and/or a Scouting group for which 50% or more of their youth members are City of Bowie residents. They must also be registered with the Boy Scouts of America or Girl Scouts, USA. Please see nomination form for details regarding eligibility criteria and information required. The deadline is **Friday, March 23, 2018**. Nomination forms may be found at www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms or at City Hall. For more information, contact Sharon Hunt at shunt1@verizon.net or 301-802-0714, or Sally Hein at shein@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3014.

Pet Owner Responsibility Pet ownership requires an investment of time and money for healthcare, food and other essentials. Please clean up after your pet(s) and comply with local codes for licensing and vaccinations. Make sure your pet is properly identified with a collar, tag, microchip or tattoo. All dogs, cats and ferrets residing within the Bowie City limits must be licensed and be kept on a leash when off the pet owner's property. (A current rabies vaccination is required in order to obtain a license.) For information, contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002 or ldowell@cityofbowie.org.

Veterans Corner

Need help with benefits - Service Officer available every Tuesday 7 - 9 p.m. at the DAV.

Need general information - American Legion (301-464-9814), 9605 Old Laurel-Bowie Road, Bowie, MD 20715. Meets monthly, fourth (4th) Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

The following organizations meet at the DAV Post (8205 Laurel-Bowie Road, Bowie, MD 20715):

- Marine Corps League (301-706-2491) - Meets monthly, second (2nd) Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
- VFW Post 8065 (301-464-3730) - Meets monthly, first (1st) Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
- DAV Post #7 (301-464-8899) - Meets monthly, second (2nd) Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

For information on legislation, benefits & programs, tune to the Veterans Forum on Bowie Cable TV Channel 11 (Verizon) or 77 (Comcast). Consult the guide for time.



Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 2/9 - 2/24 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: 301-832-4819 or www.2ndstarproductions.com.

Youth Art City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through April 20, 2018. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours). Up next is "The Great Outdoors".

Arts and Education Scholarships Arts Scholarship applications may be found at www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms. Education Scholarship applications are available at area high schools.

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

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

HARRIET TUBMAN: HISTORY AND INFLUENCES - SECOND TUESDAY LECTURE 2/13, 7:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

FAIRY TALE FUN 2/16, 10 a.m. Belair Mansion Ages 2-5 Free

A GIFT SHOP SALE BY GEORGE! 2/18, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion 20% off in honor of Washington's birthday.

KIDS KABOOSE 2/20, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 1-11 Free

GAMES PEOPLE PLAYED 2/24, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Drop in and enjoy games from the past. Free

THE DINING ROOM...BELAIR'S DINING ROOM - BROWN BAG LUNCH 2/26, 12 - 1:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

MORNING WALKING
Weekdays, 8:30 - 10 a.m.

BASKETBALL OPEN GYM
Weekdays, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

PICKLEBALL Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

COED RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL Fridays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SENIOR FIT Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 - 10 a.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT OPEN GYM
7:30 - 10 p.m. Three courts open.

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.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH DISPLAY Showcasing a tribute to Olympic athletes.

BREACH OF PEACE AT PUBLIC PLAYHOUSE TRIP 2/9, 11:30 a.m. Registration and fee

EBONY IMAGES IN FILM
2/12, 12:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP DAY 2/14, 12:30 p.m. Charles Sullivan: The Motown Revue

PRINCE GEORGE'S AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER TRIP 2/21, 9:45 a.m. Registration and fee

Contact the Center for more information on events and classes.

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