



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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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. There are five candidates running for the seat - Edward L. Frazee, Piero V. Mellits, Diane M. Polangin, Monica A. Roebuck and Dufour Woolfley. Only registered voters of District 2 are eligible to vote in this election.

District 2A includes the following neighborhoods: Belair Town, Bowie Forest, Fairview, Glenridge, Grady's Walk, Highbridge Park, Meadowbrook (south and west of Millstream Drive), Somerset, Stewart's Landing and Tulip Grove. The Polling Place for District 2A is **Christian Community Presbyterian Church**, 3120 Belair Drive.

District 2B includes the following neighborhoods: Buckingham, Derbyshire, Forest Hills, Foxhill, Longridge and Kenilworth. The Polling Place for District 2B is **Kenhill Center**, 2614 Kenhill Drive.

Polls will be open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. on March 12. **Election Judges are needed!** Absentee ballots are also available. For more information, please contact City Clerk Awilda Hernandez at 301-809-3029 or ahernandez@cityofbowie.org.

Retail at Melford

Melford developer, St. John Properties, has submitted a Detailed Site Plan (DSP) for construction of five retail/commercial buildings at Melford Town Center. Come learn about what is being proposed at a Stakeholders Meeting on **February 27** at 7 p.m. The Bowie Advisory Planning Board will review the DSP proposal at a public hearing on **March 14** and the Council will hold a hearing and vote on the matter at its meeting on **Monday, March 19**. All meetings will take place at City Hall. For more information, contact the Planning Department at 301-809-3047.

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 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.

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Food Fair

The Green Team hosted event on Saturday **March 3, 2018** has been **canceled**. For more information, contact Ashleigh Armentrout at 301-809-3044 or aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org.

Five-Year Consolidated Plan Community Meetings

3/6/2018, 6:30 p.m. at Huntington Community Center and 3/15/18, 7 p.m. at Kenhill Center. 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. Please send information requests/written comments to bowieplan19@cityofbowie.org.

Belair at Bowie Video Show Returns

Videographer Jeff Krulik will present his locally acclaimed video presentation "Belair at Bowie" at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts, 15200 Annapolis Road in Bowie, on **March 10** at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Krulik's video is a trip down memory lane for anyone interested in the history of Belair at Bowie, or, as it's often called, "Levitt Bowie." Residents from long ago, and not so long ago, will share memories and stories from the early days of one of the Levitt Corporation's most successful suburban developments. Fun...and it's free!

Malcolm "Skip" Popp Award

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 Neil Norris at nnorris@cityofbowie.org or 240-544-5601.

Youth & Family Services Offers Help to Families

The following programs will be starting soon:

- **Calm Confident Kids** - A group for kids who worry too much that helps return some of the fun of childhood. Meetings will be on Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
- **Girls Count** - Empowerment group for high school-aged girls will meet on Mondays, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Youth Services also provides free tutoring on Mondays and Tuesdays for Bowie area students, grades 1 through 12. (Mondays 2:45 - 6:15 p.m. and Tuesdays 4 - 7 p.m.). Preregistration is required. Please contact **301-809-3033** for more information or to register.

Young Adult Employment Fair

The City of Bowie Gymnasium and Bowie Youth & Family Services are hosting a community job fair for young adults on **Saturday, March 24, 2018**, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the City of Bowie Gymnasium. The goal of this job fair is to connect local employers with young adults, ages 16 to 24, seeking employment. Last year's event had over 250 young adults in attendance and more than 15 local employers participated. Employers seeking to hire young adults can register their business and young adults seeking employment can preregister for the event at www.cityofbowie.org/jobfair. Tables are free but space is limited. Sign up now!

Did You Know ...?

Bowie's **Memorial Day Parade** Committee is busy planning this year's parade for **Saturday, May 26th** beginning at 11 a.m. The parade is a great way to salute our service men and women and veterans. So get family, friends and neighbors out to enjoy this hometown parade by being part of it! There is still time to sign your organization up to participate in this fun and patriotic event! For more information and an application, visit www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms. For more information: mcorley@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3078.

Frankenstein 3/9 - 3/25 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: 301-805-0219 or www.bctheatre.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".

Spring Arts & Crafts Market 3/31, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. Vendor applications are available at www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms and are due by 3/16.

Arts and Education Scholarships Arts Scholarship applications may be found at www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms and at area high school Guidance Offices. Education Scholarships are only available through nominations by area high school Guidance Counselors.

For more information, contact Neil Norris at nnorris@cityofbowie.org or 240-544-5601.

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

REENACTOR'S YARD SALE

3/3, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

"BELAIR AT BOWIE" VIDEO PRESENTATION

3/10, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Bowie Center for the Performing Arts Free

ARCHAEOLOGY AROUND THE COUNTY - BOWIE MUSEUMS/PRINCE GEORGE'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPRING LECTURE 3/11, 3 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

VICTORY REMEMBERED: THE LEGACY OF THE BLACK DEVILS - SECOND TUESDAY LECTURE 3/13, 7:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

KIDS KABOOSE 3/20, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 1-11 Free

MISTRESS MARGARET BRENT AND THE INDIANS - WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH/ MARYLAND DAY CELEBRATION 3/20, 7 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

KIDS PASSPORT TO MARYLAND HISTORY 3/24, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. South Bowie Branch Library County-wide museum celebration of Maryland history for families. Free

BROWN BAG LUNCH LECTURE 3/26, 12 - 1 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

FAIRY TALE FUN 3/28, 10 - 11 a.m. Belair Stable Ages 2-5

LADIES' HANDS ON HISTORY 3/31, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Fee Reservation required

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.

Bike to Work Day

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. Preregister at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org or call 800-745-7433 by **May 11** for a free T-shirt and to enter a raffle for a free bike. For more information, contact Frank Stevens at 301-809-3053 or fstevens@cityofbowie.org.

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