



# BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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## April is Earth Month - Let's Celebrate!

**Spring Cleaning for Streams and Neighborhoods** April 7, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. A great day to get outside with the family and celebrate Earth Month. Prince George's County school students can earn service learning hours. To request bags and gloves for your neighborhood or group to hold a spring cleaning, or for more information, or to register for one of the stream sites, please contact Tiffany Wright at 301-809-3043 or [twright@cityofbowie.org](mailto:twright@cityofbowie.org).

**Walk Wednesdays, 4/11- 6/6** A fun and social opportunity for residents to get together at specified locations for light exercise. The locations are set in some of Bowie's best outdoor recreation spaces like Allen Pond and Acorn Hill. We meet at 7pm and walk for approximately 45 minutes. Get out and enjoy your GreenBowie! Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie](http://www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie) for more information.

**Bowie Green Expo** April 14, 12 - 4 p.m. at Kenhill Center. Free family-fun event open to the public. For information, contact Ashleigh Armentrout at 301-809-3044 or [aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org), Karl Taschenberger at 240-601-6584, or Ronnie Cervenka at [WLCPRES31@verizon.net](mailto:WLCPRES31@verizon.net).

**Weed Warrior Work Day** April 21, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Whitmarsh Park. Registration limited to first 25 volunteers, and onsite training and tools are provided. Student Service Learning (SSL) hours available.

**Bringing Back Birds, Butterflies and Bees** April 27, at City Hall At 6:30 p.m. Dara Satterfield presents "Green" information and opportunities. At 7 p.m. Desiree Narango will present study results on trees and shrubs and their impact on food webs.

**Earth Day Concert and Art Exhibit** April 28, 7 - 9 p.m. at Samuel Ogle Middle School. The theme of the night is "Move your body, grow your mind, save the earth." Earth-friendly fun for the whole family! Enjoy multiple musical performances as well as art. Register at [www.bowieearthday.eventbrite.com](http://www.bowieearthday.eventbrite.com).

**Spring Plant Sale** April 28, 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. Information: [www.bcgardenclub.org](http://www.bcgardenclub.org)

**Certify Your Yard** Do you provide wildlife in your yard with food, cover, water and places to raise their young? If so, consider adding your yard to the nearly 250 other Certified Backyard Habitats in Bowie. Information: [www.cityofbowie.org/habitats](http://www.cityofbowie.org/habitats)

For more information, contact Ashleigh Armentrout at [aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044.

## City Council Agenda Items to Note

**4/2** Council Meeting - Agenda items include Detailed Site Plan for Retail at Melford (postponed from 3/19), Green Team Update and Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development.

**4/9** Special Council Meeting - Council will revisit the Indoor Sports Facility/Ice Arena Project.

## Budget Review Begins in April

City Council begins reviewing the Proposed FY19 Budget and Capital Improvements Program in April. This Budget takes effect **July 1, 2018**. The public is invited to attend all Council Meetings, Public Hearings and Budget Worksessions on this Budget. Meetings begin at 8 p.m. at City Hall.

- **April 10 Budget Introduction, Public Hearing, & Budget Worksession #1** - General Fund Revenues, Capital Improvement Program, and Capital Projects Fund
- **April 16 Budget Worksession #2** - Public Works Department and Water and Sewer Fund
- **April 23 Budget Worksession #3** - Community Services Department
- **April 30 Budget Worksession #4** City Manager's Office, Police, Finance and Nondepartmental
- **May 7 Budget, CIP and Constant Yield Tax Rate Public Hearing**
- **May 14 Budget Worksession #5** - Planning and Economic Development, Information Technology, Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Fund, General Fund Summaries, and Appendix, which includes the Plan of Compensation.
- **May 21 Adoption of Budget and Capital Improvements Program**

## Five-Year Consolidated Plan Meeting and Hearings

**4/10/18, 6 p.m. at South Bowie Community 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](mailto:bowieplan19@cityofbowie.org). Also, attend the Five-Year Consolidated Plan **Public Hearings** scheduled for **4/2 at 8 p.m., 4/18 at 7 p.m. and 4/25 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.**

## City Gym Basketball Camp

Save the date - **July 16 - 20, 2018!** The City Gym will host a summer basketball camp 7/16-20, 9 a.m. - 4p.m., for boys and girls ages 8 - 14. The cost is \$210 for Bowie residents and \$225 for nonresidents. For information, contact Mike Lonergan at 301-809-2383 or [mlonergan@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mlonergan@cityofbowie.org).

## Bowie Ice Arena

April **Learn-to-Skate** classes begin **April 5** for all ages and levels. **Summer Camp** registration is underway for full-day and half-day camps for children 3 years of age and older. The Ice Arena will be closed for annual maintenance in May and June and reopen in July for summer skating. For information, visit us online at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) or call 301-809-3090.

## Is Your Trash Safe?

Safety is a top priority for the City of Bowie and it is a shared responsibility that starts right at your trash can and recycling cart. A properly filled, maintained and serviced can/cart is crucial in keeping residents and City employees free from harm.

Objects such as metal strips, wooden stakes, nails and screws, broken bottles and glass, and improperly discarded medical waste and needles all pose safety hazards to your neighbors and to refuse collectors. These items should be secured in closed containers with lids before being put out for trash or recycling. The City and the County also have restrictions on the disposal of oil-based paint, liquid latex paint, antifreeze, gasoline, used motor oil, and hazardous chemical containers in the regular trash.

Placing these items in a plastic trash bag or trash can/recycling cart without taking proper precautions can lead to serious injury to another. Before you discard anything, think about the health and safety of the person who will be handling that material at pickup time. Remember that if a discarded item poses a hazard to you personally, it also poses that same hazard to your neighbors and to City employees.

## Celebrate Arbor Day!

**4/21** 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](mailto:rkellner@cityofbowie.org).

## Memorial Day Parade

**5/26, 11 a.m.** There is still time to sign your organization up to participate in this fun and patriotic event!

## MUSEUMS

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

**DROP IN GAME DAY!** 4/2, 12 - 3 p.m. Belair Mansion All ages Stop by for heritage games - try parcheesi, goose, teetotum or bingo! Free

**LINTHICUM WALKS - SECOND TUESDAY LECTURE** 4/10, 7:30 p.m. Belair Mansion A glimpse into 19th Century Anne Arundel County. Free

**FAIRY TALE FUN** 4/13, 10 - 11 a.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Stories, craft and refreshments for ages 2 - 5, with adult. Free

**"THE KITCHEN" BROWN BAG LUNCH LECTURE** 4/16, 12 - 1:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

**KIDS KABOOSE** 4/17, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 1-11 Free

## ADULTS 55+

Bowie Senior Center  
14900 Health Center Drive  
301-809-2300

## SUPPORT GROUP FOR WIDOWED PERSONS

Thursday, 4/5, 2 - 4 p.m. For information and registration, call 301-577-4312 or 301-483-8202.

## SALLY RIDE: ACTRESS MARY ANN JUNG "WHO WANTS TO BE AN ASTRONAUT?"

4/10, 12:30 p.m. Open to the public. Preregistration and fee required. Sign up at the front desk.

## FREE LEGAL CLINIC

5/1, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Advance Directives for healthcare only offered. Appointments are required as space is limited. Sign up at the front desk.

## Fair Housing Symposium

**4/19 & 4/26, 9 a.m. at City Hall.** The Fair Housing Act strengthens families, communities, businesses and the economy. Join the Office of Grant Development & Administration, speakers and special guest in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act by attending one of the scheduled Fair Housing Symposiums.

## Bike to Work Day

**Friday, 5/18, 6:30 - 8:30 a.m.** at two Bowie Pit Stops - Bowie Town Center Food Court and Old Town Bowie Fire Station. Preregister at 800-745-7433 or [www.biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org) by **5/11** for a free T-shirt and to enter a raffle for a free bike. Information: Frank Stevens, [fstevens@cityofbowie.org](mailto:fstevens@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3053.

## Hydrant Flushing

Begins in April. For the schedule and information, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/flushsched](http://www.cityofbowie.org/flushsched).

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**Dirty Rotten Scoundrels** 4/20 - 5/12 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: 301-937-7458 or [www.pglit.org](http://www.pglit.org).

**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".

**Education Committee is Collecting Books** to give to children at BowieFest on June 2, 2018. The Committee needs lots of childrens books! Please donate.

**Education and Arts Committees** need members! For information, contact Neil Norris at [nnorris@cityofbowie.org](mailto:nnorris@cityofbowie.org) or 240-544-5601.