

## **Mini News Flash (as of April 13, 2018)**

### **Special Council Meeting Results**

At a Special City Council Meeting on April 9, 2018, the City Council revisited the Indoor Sports Facility/Ice Arena Project. The City Council directed staff to proceed with the approved two-sheet Ice Arena project. Additionally, in an effort to reduce the cost of the rink, Council directed staff to research the feasibility of a bubble enclosure for the ice rink at the same time that it researches a bubble solution for indoor courts at a different location. Staff will report back to Council on its findings within 60 days.

### **April is Earth Month – Let’s Celebrate!**

- **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 Whitemarsh 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.” There will be multiple musical performances and art on display. Don’t miss this earth-friendly fun for the whole family! 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 for 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 of Bowie Green Team. Information at [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 at [www.cityofbowie.org/habitats](http://www.cityofbowie.org/habitats).

For more information about any of these green events, contact Sustainability Planner Ashleigh Armentrout at [aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044.

## **Budget Review**

The City Council continues its review of the Proposed FY19 Budget and Capital Improvements Program. This Budget takes effect July 1, 2018. The public is invited to attend all Council meetings, public hearings and worksessions on this budget. Meetings begin at 8 p.m. at City Hall.

- **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 Non-departmental
- **May 7 Budget, CIP and Constant Yield Tax Rate Public Hearing**
- **May 14 Budget Worksession #5** - Planning, 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**

## **Fair Housing Training – April 19**

The City of Bowie, in conjunction with Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc. (BNI - one of the oldest and largest fair housing organizations in Maryland), will present several sessions on Reasonable Accommodations, Fair Lending, Filing a Fair Housing Complaint, and Tenant/Landlord Rights and Responsibilities. The training takes place on April 19 from 9 a.m. to noon at City Hall. RSVP by April 16 to [cholland@cityofbowie.org](mailto:cholland@cityofbowie.org) and include Fair Housing Training in the subject line.

## **Fair Housing Symposium – April 26**

The City of Bowie and Prince George's County Government officials will discuss how fair housing strengthens families, communities, businesses and the economy through various programs, designated communities, enforcement actions and a coordinated strategic planning process. This symposium takes place at Bowie City Hall on April 26 from 9 a.m. to noon. RSVP by April 16 to [cholland@cityofbowie.org](mailto:cholland@cityofbowie.org) and include Fair Housing Symposium in the subject line.

## **Celebrate Arbor Day! – April 21**

Bowie's annual Arbor Day ceremony will be held on Saturday, April 21 at 10 a.m. at Acorn Hill Park. The park is located at the intersection of Stonybrook Drive and Sage Lane. For information, contact Rick Kellner at 301-809-3061 or [rkellner@cityofbowie.org](mailto:rkellner@cityofbowie.org).

**Job Vacancies**

The City is seeking applicants for the following positions:

- Building Maintenance Worker I – Part Time/Temporary
- Entry Level & Lateral Police Officer
- Solid Waste Driver/Collector
- Crew Leader – Parks & Grounds

For more information about these positions, or to apply, please visit [www.cityofbowie.org/jobs](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobs).

**Hydrant Flushing Schedule:**

APRIL 12, 13 & 16	Kenilworth
APRIL 17	Heather Hills
APRIL 18, 19 & 20	Meadowbrook
APRIL 23	Gradys Walk & Glenridge
APRIL 24	Chapel Forge
APRIL 25	Victoria Heights & Race Track Road Townhouses
APRIL 26	Idlewild
APRIL 27	Yorktown & Overbrook
APRIL 30	Whitehall
MAY 1	Rockledge

**Reminders:**

- When flushing is underway in your area, some discoloration of your water may occur, so clothes washing is discouraged.
- If your clothes become discolored, keep them wet and rewash them using a rust remover. Rust remover is available, at no cost, from City Hall and Public Works offices.
- The water is safe for drinking and bathing even though it may be discolored.
- The discoloration is a result of rust and sediment buildup in the water lines and is not harmful. It should clear in approximately 24 hours.
- Since the water mains are all interconnected, hydrant flushing in adjacent neighborhoods may possibly affect your water as well.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344. Flushing hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the above dates.