

Bowie News Flash

May 2018

News

Community Meeting on Rezoning of the Jesuit Property – May 22

Whitemarsh Elm LC will host a community meeting on May 22 to share information about a pending rezoning application for property on Annapolis Road, locally known as the Jesuit property.

The applicant is proposing to build 400 – 500 homes on three parcels of land near Sacred Heart Church. The parcels, which are outside the municipal boundaries of Bowie, are currently zoned R-E (Residential Estate) and R-A (Residential Agriculture). Whitemarsh Elm LC is seeking to have the zoning changed to R-S (Residential Suburban) to accommodate the envisioned development. The meeting, which will include a short presentation and question and answer session, will take place on Tuesday, May 22, at 7 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Kenhill Center.

Bowie BIC Dolphin Tank Returns to Bowie for the Third Year

Make new business connections and offer advice to young area entrepreneurs at the third Dolphin Tank® Pitch Event and Reception conducted by Springboard Enterprises and hosted by the Bowie Business Innovation Center (Bowie BIC) business accelerator. It takes place on May 15, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Kenhill Center.

At this event, six innovative product companies from the Bowie area will pitch their companies to a panel of investors and serial entrepreneurs and get friendly feedback on business models, marketing and business challenges. The audience will also be able to ask questions and offer advice. The Bowie BIC is funded in part by the City of Bowie. Free. Registration required at <https://bit.ly/2GwfQkh>.

Children's Books Needed

The Bowie Education Committee is collecting books to be given to children at Bowiefest on June 2. For more information or to donate, please contact Neil Norris at 240-544-5601 or nnorris@cityofbowie.org.

Jobs

The City of Bowie is seeking applicants for the following positions:

- **Building Maintenance Worker I** – Part time/temporary (open until filled)
- **Emergency Management Specialist** – Part time (open until 5/11/18)
- **Solid Waste Driver/Collector** – Public Works (open until 5/4/18)
- **Police Officers** – Entry level & Lateral (open until filled)
- **Assistant Director** – Public Works (open until filled)
- **Senior Services Manager/Assistant Manager** – Community Services (open until 5/14/18)
- **Communications Specialist** – Police Department (open until 5/15/18)

For more information or to apply, visit www.cityofbowie.org/jobs.

Street Sweeping

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 at www.cityofbowie.org/sweep and please try to remove parked cars from the street when sweeping is scheduled for your neighborhood. For more information, call the Department of Public Works at 301-809-2344.

Mosquito Control

The City of Bowie, in partnership with the Maryland Department of Agriculture, has an aggressive mosquito surveillance and spraying program in City neighborhoods. When necessary, spraying is done in the late evenings/early mornings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (June to September.) You can also do your part to control the mosquito population and prevent the spread of West Nile virus by eliminating mosquito breeding areas on your property in places where water collects, such as trash cans, buckets, and wheelbarrows, and by changing water in kiddie pools, bird baths, and outdoor pet water bowls regularly. For more information about mosquito prevention, visit www.cityofbowie.org/mosquitoes.

Bowie Ice Arena

The Ice Arena is closed during the months of May and June for routine maintenance. It will re-open for summer skating in July. Registration is underway for July and August Summer Camps and Learn-to-Skate Classes for all ages and levels. For information, please call 301-809-3090 or visit www.cityofbowie.org/icearena.

Pollinator Gardens Information Session – May 5

Join Elmer Dengler of the Green Team's Natural Resources Subgroup on May 5, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Huntington Community Center, as he promotes creating pollinator gardens for every type of property. Subjects covered will include why we need pollinator gardens, where to put them, and how to maintain them. Free pollinator collections will be given to the first ten attendees! Contact Ashleigh Armentrout at 301-809-3044 or aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org for more information.

Celebrate Belair's Role in American Thoroughbred Racing – May 5

This Saturday marks the 144th “Run for the Roses” in Kentucky. Belair Stable proudly boasts three Kentucky Derby winners – Gallant Fox in 1930, his son Omaha in 1935, and Johnstown in 1939. “The Fox of Belair” and Omaha enjoy a special place in racing history. They are the only father and son to ever capture the Triple Crown (Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes.) Learn about these great horses and celebrate Belair's role in American Thoroughbred racing by visiting the Belair Stable, located at 2835 Belair Drive. The Stable Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Free.

City Council Fiscal 2019 Budget Review Concludes in May

City Council began 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. Meetings begin at 8 p.m. at City Hall.

- **May 7 – Public Hearing** FY 19 Budget, Capital Improvement Program and Constant Yield Tax Rate.
- **May 14 – Budget Worksession #5** The final Budget Worksession will include a review of the budgets for the Planning Department, the Information Technology Department, the Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Fund, General Fund Summaries, and the Appendix, which includes the Plan of Compensation.
- **May 21 – Adoption of Budget and Capital Improvements Program**

Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Community Development

- **Draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan Review** - A draft of the City of Bowie Consolidated Plan is available for review until May 7, 2018 at City Hall, the Senior Center, local community centers, and at the two public libraries in Bowie. Please send information requests/comments to bowieplan19@cityofbowie.org.
- **Public Hearing** – May 7 City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. at City Hall.

Yard Maintenance Season

The grass-mowing season has begun. Grass and weeds are not permitted to exceed eight inches in height. If you have a lawn service, schedule them to place bagged (paper only) yard waste and grass clippings at the curb on Tuesday evening for Wednesday yard waste collection.

If there is a vacant property near your home that is not being maintained, please contact the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 or use our online system to submit a service request at www.cityofbowie.org/servicerequest. For more information about property maintenance or other Code Compliance concerns, visit www.cityofbowie.org/codecompliance.

Be a Considerate Neighbor

As the weather warms up, you are likely to spend more time outdoors. Please remember to respect everyone's right to a peaceful and quiet environment. Lawn maintenance equipment may be operated Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. The same hours apply for playing music and hosting loud parties and other events. For more information, contact the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008.

Green Bowie Programs

- **\$20 Compost Bins Available at City Hall.**
City residents may purchase up to two bins per household. Payment by cash or check is accepted at the Finance window during the City's business hours (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.). After business hours, check payments are accepted at the reception desk at City Hall (Monday to Thursday until 10 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.). Information: www.cityofbowie.org/compost
- **\$50 and \$100 Tree Rebates.**
There are 11 species of trees that are eligible for City rebates. Purchase the eligible trees at any Maryland nursery or store. Applications and program details can be found at www.cityofbowie.org/treerebate.
- **\$50 Lawn Mower Rebates** Buying a new mower? City residents who purchase a new mulching, electric, or manual reel mower are eligible to receive a \$50 rebate from the City of Bowie. To obtain your cash rebate, bring proof of City residency and the receipt for a mulching, electric, or manual reel mower to the Finance Department at City Hall. Questions? Call 301-809-3020.

Bike to Work Day – Friday, May 18

Stop by one of Bowie's two pit stops on Bike To Work Day between 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Stops are at Bowie Town Center Food Court and the Old Town Bowie Fire Station. Register at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org or call 800-745-7433. Preregister by May 11 to receive a free T-shirt and to enter a raffle for a free bike. Information: Frank Stevens at 301-809-3053 or email fstevens@cityofbowie.org.

Farmers' Market Opens Sunday, May 20

Join us for the Bowie Farmers' Market Opening Day on Sunday, May 20 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Market vendors will offer fresh locally grown produce, fruit, cut flowers, plants, breads, pastries, jams, jellies and more. The Market operates in the parking lot of the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts at Bowie High School, 15200 Annapolis Road on Sundays, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., through October 28, 2018. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Celebrate Heritage Day May 20

Have some fun and learn about the history of Bowie on Sunday, May 20 from 12 to 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion, Belair Stable and Bowie Railroad Museum. There will be pony rides, face painting, and spinning at the Stable. Tour the Mansion and enjoy a musical performance at 2 p.m. by Bedlam! Also be sure to check out the NTrack Model Railroad Club display at the Railroad Museum. All free. For more information, please contact the Museums Office at 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

Memorial Day Parade – Saturday, May 26

The Parade will begin at 11 a.m. at the Bowie High School Annex (3021 Belair Drive). Participants will march along Belair Drive to Sussex Lane, then to Stonybrook Drive, and end at Sage Lane. The reviewing stand, along with concession stands and restrooms, will be located in Acorn Hill Park on Stonybrook Drive. For more information, visit www.cityofbowie.org/parade or call 301-809-3078.

Sunday Sunset Concert Series Begins May 27

Concerts are held every Sunday from 7 to 8 p.m. through September 2. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information or to see the list of performers, visit www.cityofbowie.org/concerts or call 301-809-3078 or email mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Memorial Day Holiday – Monday, May 28

Monday, May 28 is a City holiday. City offices are closed. There is no refuse or recycling collection on this day. Collection will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.

Register for the City Gym Summer Basketball Camp

The City Gym will host a summer basketball camp July 16 - 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., for boys and girls ages 8 to 14. The cost is \$210 for Bowie residents and \$225 for nonresidents. For information, contact Mike Lonergan at mlonergan@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-2383 or visit www.cityofbowie.org/gym.

What's Bouncing at the City Gym?

- **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. Learn to play!
- **Coed Recreational Volleyball** Fridays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. No experience needed.
- **Senior Fit** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9 - 10 a.m. Hosted by Holy Cross Hospital. Participants must register with Holy Cross. For information and registration, call Sara McKechnie at 301-754-7895.
- **Friday Night Open Gym** 7:30 - 10 p.m. Three courts open.

The Great Outdoors Exhibit

The current City Hall Art Gallery exhibit runs through June 23. It is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are the same as City Hall hours: Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Imagine an Hour that Impacts a Lifetime

Bowie Youth & Family Services is now recruiting adult volunteer mentors to provide care and commitment to a Bowie High School student who may be struggling to make a successful transition to the high school environment. Mentors act as a friend, advisor and a listening heart. Make a difference in the life of an incoming freshman by assisting them in their transition to a successful academic experience.

Volunteers spend one hour a week building relationships and making a positive difference in the lives of the students and their families. If you would like to join this dynamic team of volunteers and make a difference in your community, contact Bowie Youth & Family Services at 301-809-3033 or email mentor@cityofbowie.org.

City Beautification Awards

The City, in cooperation with Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton, is accepting nominations for the Annual Beautification Awards. Anyone can nominate a home, business, school, or specialty garden that reflects the beauty of Bowie. All nominations must be for locations within the corporate limits of Bowie. Submission deadline is June 2, 2018. For more information or to obtain a nomination form, visit www.cityofbowie.org/beautification or contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Senior Center Information and Referral Fair is May 30 – June 1

Each spring the Senior Center hosts a free fair to bring special entertainment and information to the community. The theme of this year's Information and Referral Fair is "Making Today Matter."

It kicks off on Wednesday, May 30, at 10 a.m. with a fashion show. Patrons and guest models from our community and surrounding Prince George's County will be featured. On Thursday, May 31, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be a series of "hands-on" workshops. Subjects will include budgets, pharmacy needs, preventive care home visits, spring cleaning—getting rid of clutter, transportation, housing, and much more. On Friday, June 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be a Senior Information and Referral Vendor Fair. A variety of professionals will have displays and answer questions on a variety of subjects and services of interest to seniors and those who love them. Contact Gloria Gaddy, Service Information & Referral Specialist, at 301-809-2377.

Events

Through 5/12 – “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels” at Bowie Playhouse For tickets and information, visit www.pglt.org or call 301-832-4819.

5/2 – Walk Wednesday at Whitemarsh Park 7 p.m. The group will meet at the edge of the parking lot at the start of the walking path. 7 p.m. See the full Walk Wednesday schedule at www.cityofbowie.org/walksched.

5/7 – City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall. FY 2019 Budget, CIP and Constant Yield Tax Rate Public Hearing.

5/9 – Walk Wednesday at Acorn Hill Park 7 p.m. The group will meet in the parking area behind the Community Center. See the full Walk Wednesday schedule at www.cityofbowie.org/walksched.

5/12 – Weed Warrior Work Day 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Whitemarsh Park. Join the Bowie Green Team in removing invasive English Ivy. Hands-on training and tools provided by the City. Please contact Ashleigh Armentrout to register in advance at 301-809-3044 or aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org.

5/14 – Variety Show: Jump, Shout and Boogie! 10:30 a.m. at the Bowie Senior Center. Free. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

5/14 – Mistress Margaret Brent Visits Belair 7 p.m. at Belair Mansion. This kid-friendly history presentation is free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

5/14 – City Council Budget Worksession #5 8 p.m. at City Hall. Budgets of Emergency Management Office, Planning Department, Information Technology Department, Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Fund, General Fund Summaries, Appendix (including Plan of Compensation) and Wrap-up.

5/15 – Kids Kaboose 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun and games for youngsters ages 1 - 11. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

5/15 – Bowie Business Innovation Center Dolphin Tank® Pitch Event and Reception 6 - 9 p.m. at the Kenhill Center. Make new business connections and hear six entrepreneurs from the Bowie area pitch their companies to a team of investors who give friendly feedback. Free. Registration required at <https://bit.ly/2GwfQkh>.

5/16 – Fairy Tale Fun 10 - 11 a.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Stories, craft and refreshments for ages 2 - 5, with adult. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

5/16 – Senior Chorale Concert “You Raise Me Up” 7:30 p.m. at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets (\$8) for the performance may be obtained at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

5/17 – Paint and Sip Night 7 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Create a summer work of art and enjoy an inspirational glass of wine. \$40 per person. Reservations required. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

5/18 – Bike to Work Day 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. Pit Stops at Bowie Town Center Food Court and Old Town Bowie Fire Station, 9th Street. For more information, contact Frank Stevens in the City’s Planning Department at 301-809-3053 or fstevens@cityofbowie.org.

5/19 – Walk Wednesday at Fairwood 7 p.m. The group will meet in the parking lot south of the Gold’s Gym. See the full Walk Wednesday schedule at www.cityofbowie.org/walksched.

5/20 – Farmers’ Market Opening Day 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Parking Lot of the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts at Bowie High School. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

5/20 – Bowie Heritage Day 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion, Belair Stable, and the Bowie Railroad Museum. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

5/21 – City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall. Adoption of 2019 Budget and Capital Improvements Program.

5/22 – Community Meeting on Rezoning of Jesuit Property 7 p.m. at Kenhill Center.

5/23 – Walk Wednesday at Allen Pond Park 7 p.m. The group will park in the parking lot by the head of the trail. See the full Walk Wednesday schedule at www.cityofbowie.org/walksched.

5/26 – Memorial Day Parade The parade steps off from the Belair Annex to Bowie High School at 11 a.m. and ends at Acorn Hill Park (on the corner of Sage Lane and Stonybrook Drive.) For information, visit www.cityofbowie.org/parade or call 301-809-3078.

5/27 – Sunday Sunset Concert – US Navy Band Commodores (Jazz) 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. For the full summer concert schedule, visit www.cityofbowie.org/concerts. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

5/28 – Memorial Day Holiday City offices are closed on this date. There will be no trash or recycling pickup on the holiday. Collection will be on your next regularly scheduled day.

5/30 – 6/1 – Senior Information Fair: Making Today Matter For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

5/30 – Walk Wednesday at WB & A Trail 7 p.m. The group will meet in the designated parking area. See the full Walk Wednesday schedule at www.cityofbowie.org/walksched.

6/2 – Celebrate Bowiefest 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Enjoy entertainment, food, children’s rides and over 250 vendors. Information: www.cityofbowie.org/bowiefest or 301-809-3078.