



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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Memorial Day Parade - May 26

Come enjoy the City's annual Parade on **Saturday, May 26**. Join family, friends and neighbors as we honor all who have served and those who are still serving in our armed forces in the defense of our nation. Come out and cheer on marching bands, veterans groups, active service members and many community organizations that come together to pay tribute on this holiday weekend.

The Parade begins at **11 a.m.** sharp at the Bowie High School Annex (3021 Belair Drive). Participants will march along Belair Drive to a right on Sussex Lane, continue to a right on Stonybrook Drive, and then a final left onto Sage Lane. The reviewing stand, along with concession stands and rest rooms, will be located in Acorn Hill Park on Stonybrook Drive. Belair Drive, Sussex Lane and Acorn Hill Park are wonderful locations to view the parade.

Bring your flags, wear red, white and blue and show your hometown pride! As you enjoy the parade, please be respectful of neighborhood homes and property. Please stay in the common area of the curb and the sidewalk and take everything you brought with you when you leave.

Whether you prefer to be a participant in the parade or stand on the sidelines cheering, you can be a part of this patriotic event! There is still time to sign up your group or organization to be included. For more information or to download an application, go to www.cityofbowie.org/parade or call 301-809-3078.

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 Budget, CIP and Constant Yield Tax Rate Public Hearing**
- **May 14 Budget Worksession #5** - Emergency Management, Department of 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**

Five-Year Consolidated Plan

Public Hearing - May 7 at 8 p.m. at City Hall. Public Hearing to approve the Five-Year Consolidated Plan FY 2019 - 2023.

Draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan Review - A draft of the City of Bowie Consolidated Plan is available for review at Bowie Public Libraries, Community Centers, City Hall and the Senior Center until May 7, 2018. Please send information requests/written comments to bowieplan19@cityofbowie.org.

City Gym Summer Basketball Camp

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



Code Corner - Yard Maintenance

The grass and weed 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 afternoon for the Wednesday morning yard waste collection. If there is a vacant property near you that is not being maintained, please report it to the Code Compliance office at 301-809-3008 or make a request through the City website. For more information, visit our Code Compliance webpage at www.cityofbowie.org/codecompliance.

Pollinator Gardens for All Conditions

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

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 into 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 an 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 mentor@cityofbowie.org.

Sunday Sunset Concert Series Begins 5/27,

7 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Every Sunday through 9/2. Canceled in inclement weather. Information: 301-809-3078, www.cityofbowie.org/concerts or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Farmers' Market Opens! 5/20,

8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road), each Sunday through October 28, 2018. For information: 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

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 by **5/11** for a free T-shirt and to enter a raffle for a free bike. Information: Frank Stevens at fstevens@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3053.



Bowie Ice Arena

The Ice Arena will close for maintenance **May 1** and 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.

Drug Take Back Day

4/28, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Bowie Police Department. Information: 240-544-5700

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

VISIT THE MANSION ON MAY DAY 5/1, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Receive a 10% discount on any shop purchase with a flower!

MISTRESS MARGARET BRENT VISITS BELAIR! 5/14, 7 p.m. Belair Mansion A kid-friendly history presentation Free

KIDS KABOOSE 5/15, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 1-11 Free

FAIRY TALE FUN 5/16, 10 - 11 a.m. Belair Mansion Stories, craft and refreshments for ages 2 - 5, with adult. Free

PAINT AND SIP NIGHT 5/17, 7 p.m. Belair Mansion Create a summer work of art and enjoy an inspirational glass of wine. \$40 per person Reservations required

BOWIE HERITAGE DAY 5/20, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion, Belair Stable and Bowie Railroad Museum - Pony rides, face painting, spinning at the Stable; Tour the Mansion and 2 p.m. performance by Bedlam! at the Mansion; NTrack Model Railroad Club at the Railroad Museum. All free

ADULTS 55+

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

VARIETY SHOW: JUMP, SHOUT AND BOOGIE!
5/14, 10:30 a.m.

SENIOR CHORALE CONCERT: "YOU RAISE ME UP"
5/16, 7:30 p.m. at Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets \$8 at Senior Center.

INFORMATION & REFERRAL FAIR: MAKING TODAY MATTER

5/30, 10 a.m., Walk It Out Fashion Show

5/31, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Professional Speakers

6/1, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Information Vendor Fair

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.

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301-809-3030

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels Through 5/12 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: 301-937-7458 or www.pglt.org.

The Great Outdoors City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through June 23, 2018. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours).

Education Committee is Collecting Books to give to children at Bowiefest on June 2, 2018. Please donate. Information: nnorris@cityofbowie.org or 240-544-5601.

Attend Bowiefest Saturday, June 2, 2018. Enjoy entertainment, food, children's rides and over 250 vendors. Information: www.cityofbowie.org/bowiefest or 301-809-3078