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Celebrate Bowie at Bowiefest on June 2

Celebrate Bowie at the 41st annual Bowiefest on **Saturday, June 2** from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Bowiefest is a long-standing tradition in the City that brings the best of Bowie's civic organizations, entertainers, and businesses to one place for one day. It features rides, performances, contests, and a host of food and drink options throughout the park. There's also an arts and crafts fair, a business expo in the Ice Arena, and local organizations of every size and interest on hand to introduce you to what they do and perhaps entice you to get involved. This year's featured music group is Dynamic Superiors, a Motown favorite and member of the R&B Hall of Fame. As usual, Bowiefest will feature one stage just for the bands from Bowie performing Doo Wop, Classic Rock and R&B. The Children's stage will feature a puppet show, a reptile show, a magic show and more. For information, and the full event schedule, visit www.cityofbowie.org/Bowiefest or call 301-809-3078.

Primary Election Early Voting Begins June 14

Maryland's Primary Election is Tuesday, June 26, 2018. Voters can vote on Election Day or they can take advantage of early voting, which runs from **June 14 - 21**, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The City of Bowie Municipal Gymnasium, located at 4100 Northview Drive, is one of eleven early voting locations in Prince George's County. If you have questions about voter registration, absentee balloting, or early voting for the Primary or General Election, please contact the County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300 or visit <http://elections.mypgc.us>. To find your polling place, view your sample ballot, or obtain more information about your voter registration, visit the Voter Lookup page on the Maryland Board of Elections website at <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>.

Green Bowie

National Pollinator Week - June 18-24 Do you drink coffee or eat chocolate? If so, pollinators are your friends. These are just two of the plants that require pollinators such as birds, bees, moths, and butterflies to survive. In fact, more than 75% of flowering plants and nearly 75% of crops depend on a variety of pollinators (www.fws.gov). These little critters are crucial to our way of life but face significant hardships due to pesticide usage, habitat loss, and disease. In the last 20 years, a 90% decrease in the numbers of Monarch butterflies has been found. You can help. Celebrate National Pollinator Week by planting native flowers and committing to a pesticide-free yard. For more information, please visit www.pollinator.org and be sure to attend the Certified Habitat Tour to see which local foods and flowers need pollinators.

Certified Backyard Habitat Tour - Saturday, June 23, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. To close National Pollinator Week, the City's Green Team will host the annual Certified Habitat Tour. On Saturday, June 23 you can visit four certified habitats in Bowie including the Bowie Food Pantry, Bowie Senior Center, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church School and City Hall. Find out how you can protect pollinators in your yard. For more information and a map of the sites, visit www.cityofbowie.org/habitat or contact the Planning Department at 301-809-3044 or aarmentrout@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. **Sign up now!** 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.



Need Extra Help This Summer?

Bowie Youth & Family Services sponsors a Teen Job Bank where residents can find Bowie youth who are looking for opportunities for making extra money, on either an occasional or a regular basis. Residents may use this service to find teens that can help with tasks such as lawn mowing, babysitting, tutoring, shopping or other chores. You and the teen determine the particulars of the job and the fees per hour. You may access this program by completing the Teen Job Bank resident application found on the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms or by calling 301-809-3033.

Parenting Can Be Easier

Do you ever feel that no matter what you say to your kids, that they aren't listening? Bowie Youth & Family Services is offering a program led by family counselors called **Active Parenting**, designed for parents of children 5 - 16 years of age. Active Parenting focuses on discipline, communication, anger management and family enrichment. Learn practical skills that will help you develop cooperation, self-esteem and responsibility in your children. The program is offered on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. starting in June. Please call **301-809-3033** to register or for more information.

Indoor Sports Facility

At its Regular Meeting on **June 18**, City Council will discuss construction alternatives for the Indoor Sports Facility/Ice Arena. All are welcome to attend the meeting, which begins at 8 p.m. at City Hall. To view the full list of topics for upcoming Council meetings, visit www.cityofbowie.org/tentativeagenda.

Sunday Sunset Concerts

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

Bowie Ice Arena

The Ice Arena is closed for annual maintenance 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.

Farmers' Market

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.

Did You Know ...?

The Bowie Police Department is hosting a Torch Run for Special Olympics! This 3K Fun Run will take place on **Tuesday, June 5, 2018**, at 10:30 a.m. Join City officers and staff as they run from Bowie Plaza to the Bowie Marketplace (Chick-Fil-A).

Register online at <http://bit.ly/218WktY>. Or you may register in person at the Bowie Police Station at 15901 Excalibur Road. Registration will also be available on the day of the event, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Cash, check (made payable to "Special Olympics"), and credit card (day of only) accepted. Registration is \$15 and includes a Torch Run T-shirt. For information or to register, please call 240-544-5797. Transportation back to the start point will be provided by the Police Department. From 12 - 2 p.m., Chick-Fil-A (Bowie Marketplace) will offer one free sandwich to participants wearing a Torch Run T-shirt.



Ragtime 6/1 - 6/30 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: 301-832-4819 or www.2ndstarproductions.com.

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

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

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

ROUTE 1: BALTIMORE TO WASHINGTON, DC - CITY MUSEUMS / PRINCE GEORGE'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE 6/13, 7 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

GAMES PEOPLE PLAYED

6/17, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion
Enjoy games from the past. All dads receive a 10% shop discount.

PINCUSHIONS FROM THE PAST - BROWN BAG LUNCH LECTURE 6/18, 12 - 1 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

KIDS KABOOSE 6/19, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 1-11 Free

FAIRY TALE FUN 6/20, 10 - 11 a.m. Belair Mansion
Stories, craft and refreshments for ages 2 - 5, with adult. Free

WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!

6/22, 1 - 3 p.m. Belair Mansion
Ice cream making day. Make your own sundaes. \$2 per child. Reservations required by 6/20.

ADULTS 55+

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

INFORMATION & REFERRAL FAIR: MAKING TODAY MATTER

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

BACKYARD COOKOUT AND ENTERTAINMENT

6/14, 11:30 a.m. Preregistration and fee required.

HEALTH TALK: DASH DIET

6/28, 10:30 a.m.

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

GYM CLOSED FOR PRIMARY ELECTION EARLY VOTING

6/14 - 6/21 Also, on 6/13, the Gym will close at 4 p.m. to set up for Early Voting.

MORNING WALKING

Weekdays, 8:30 - 10 a.m.

SENIOR FIT Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 - 10 a.m.

BASKETBALL OPEN GYM

Weekdays, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

COED RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL

Fridays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

PICKLEBALL

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL

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