

Bowie News Flash

June 2018

News

Celebrate Bowie at Bowiefest! – 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 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 will be 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 local bands performing Doo Wop, Classic Rock and R&B. The Children's Stage will offer 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.

Admission and parking are free, but space at the park is limited. You can park on streets near the park, or better still, park at Bowie Park and Ride lot on Northview Drive (near the movie theaters) and ride our shuttle. It will run every 20 minutes, it's free, and you'll receive a coupon for a free sandwich from Bowie Marketplace Chick-fil-A just for taking the shuttle. Chick-fil-A at Bowie Market place is sponsoring the shuttle this year.

We would love to have clear blue skies and low humidity on Saturday, but that doesn't appear likely. Showers and thunderstorms are in the forecast for mid to late afternoon, but that could change. Any decision about canceling the event will be made on Saturday morning. Updates will be communicated via Alert Bowie, social media, and the City website. Please note: even if the outdoor events must be canceled because of the weather, the Home & Health Expo at the Bowie Ice Arena will go on as planned.

Think sunshine!

Bowie Police Department Hosts Torch Run for Special Olympics – June 5

The Police Department's 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/2I8WktY> or register in person at the Bowie Police Station, located 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 starting 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.

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 Maryland Board of Elections website at <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>.

City Gym Closed for Early Voting June 14 - 21

Due to Early Voting for the Primary, the City Gym will be closed for all other activities between June 14 and 21. Also, on June 13, the Gym will close at 4 p.m. to set up for Early Voting.

Sunday Sunset Concerts

Concerts are every Sunday through 9/27, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. They are canceled in inclement weather. For information: www.cityofbowie.org/concerts, mcorley@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3078.

Jobs

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

- **Community Coordinator** – Youth & Family Services (closes 6/15/18)
- **Building Maintenance Worker I** – Part time/Temporary (open until filled)
- **Police Officers** – Entry level & Lateral (open until filled)

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

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, there has been a 90% decrease in the numbers of Monarch butterflies. 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 its annual Certified Habitat Tour. On Saturday, June 23 you can visit four certified habitats in the area, 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.

Indoor Sports Facility/Ice Arena Presentation

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.

Bowie Ice Arena

The Ice Arena is closed for maintenance in June 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.

Bowie Police Department Offers RAD Self Defense Classes

Beginning in July, the Bowie Police Department will hold two series (Mondays or Wednesdays) of RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) training classes for women. The Monday series runs July 9, 16, 23 and 30 and August 6 and 13. The Wednesday series runs July 11, 18 and 25 and August 1, 8 and 15. Classes meet at Kenhill Center, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The minimum age for attendance is 13. You must attend all six classes in order to complete the course and receive a certificate. Sign up now! Classes fill quickly. For more information and to register, contact the Police Department at 240-544-5777.

City Gym Summer Basketball Camp – Sign Up Now!

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. Sign up now! Space is limited. 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 that connects residents who need help with 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 lawn mowing, babysitting, tutoring, shopping or other chores. You and the teen determine the particulars of the job and the fees per hour. To hire a teen or sign up to work, complete the appropriate application found at www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms or call 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 that can help. Active Parenting is designed for parents of children 5 to 16 years of age. The group 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 Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. starting in June. Please call 301-809-3033 for more information or to register.

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.

Farmers' Market

Join us for the Bowie Farmers' Market each Sunday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. through October 28. Market vendors 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. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org. Also be sure to visit the Bowie Farmers' Market page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BowieFarmersMarket.

The Great Outdoors

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.

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 at the Gym. Participants must register with Holy Cross. For information and registration, call Sara McKechnie at 301-754-7895.

*Note: Gym closed for Primary Election Early Voting 6/14 - 6/21.

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.

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 or townhouse, business, school, or specialty garden that reflects the beauty of Bowie. All nominations must be for locations within the municipal limits of Bowie. Submission deadline is June 22, 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.

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.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) is hosting two upcoming workshops about controlling the Asian Tiger Mosquito, which MDA considers to be the number one

pest species in much of Maryland. They are scheduled for June 28 in College Park and July 10 in Annapolis. Contact Stormy Keyes at MDA for details (stormy.keyes@maryland.gov).

Foxes

The City of Bowie is home to many wild species, including foxes. Foxes are particularly drawn to the streams and water channels that flow through the community, Urbanization and the intentionally and/or unintentional feeding of wildlife is leading to their increased comfort around people. We strongly discourage feeding wildlife for this reason, however, there are no laws prohibiting it.

Sometimes you may hear them screeching or barking. These sounds are meant to deter you and other animals from coming closer, especially when they are protecting their young. Provided you heed this warning, an interaction with you or your pet is unlikely.

Behaviors or symptoms that warrant Animal Control intervention include, but are not limited to, animals that appear disoriented, are staggering or having coordination issues or other neurologic dysfunction, open wounds, broken bones, or are approaching people, either in an overly friendly or overly aggressive manner.

Please contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002 immediately for sick or injured animals. If it is after hours or there is an immediate public safety threat, contact the City Call Center at 240-544-5700 for police dispatch. Additional information about wildlife, such as diet, habitat, lifecycle, normal/abnormal behavior and ways to mitigate nuisance issues, please visit the wildlife section of our website at www.CityofBowie.org/AnimalControl.

Northridge Street Repairs

The City of Bowie has contracted with Priority Construction Corporation to rebuild the brick pavers at two intersections on Quiet Owl Lane. The work at the intersection of Quarterhorse Drive and Quiet Owl Lane will require a partial road closure and construction at the intersection of Quiet Owl Lane and Quill Point will require a full road closure.

Construction begins on June 4, 2018 and all work will take place Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be some inconvenience because of the closures, but public street access to all properties and driveways will remain available during the construction period. The project is expected to be completed by July 28, 2018. Please contact the Project Manager, Alan Forney, at 240-544-5688, if you have questions.

Signs

Campaign signs are permitted on private property if they are placed beyond the public right of way. They are not permitted in medians or on the side of the road in the public right of way. The width of the right of way may differ, depending on which agency owns the road, but all rights of way are at least 10 feet back from the curb and should be kept free of all signs.

Within the City limits, Bowie's Code Compliance officers will remove signs from State, County and City rights-of-way. If you see signs that appear to be in the right of way, please report them to the Code Compliance Office so we can determine if they should be removed. Call 301-809-3008 or report your concern using our online service request system at www.cityofbowie.org/2256/Service-Request.

Events

6/1 - 6/30 – Ragtime at Bowie Playhouse For tickets and information, visit www.2ndstarproductions.com or call 301-832-4819.

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

6/4 – City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall. Agenda topics include: Bowie Business Innovation Center (BIC), Bowie Green Team, City Lobbyist Report, Adoption of Annexation Resolution R-28-18 (Prince George's Stadium).

6/5 – Bowie Police Department Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.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/2I8WktY>. 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. Registration is \$15 and includes a Torch Run T-shirt. For information or to register, please call 240-544-5797.

6/6 – Walk Wednesday at Whitemarsh Park 7 p.m. at Whitemarsh Park. Join a group of Green Bowie residents as we get some light to moderate exercise while enjoying many of our Bowie trails and socializing! For more information, please contact Ashleigh Armentrout at 301-809-3044 or aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org.

6/9 – Weed Warrior Workday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help the Bowie Green Team to remove invasive English Ivy at Whitemarsh Park. Hands-on training and tools provided. This is a Student Service Learning (SSL) hours opportunity. Please contact Ashleigh Armentrout to register in advance at 301-809-3044 or aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org.

6/13 – Route 1: Baltimore to Washington, DC – City Museums/Prince George's Historical Society Lecture 7 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

6/14 - 6/21 – City Gym Closed for Primary Election Early Voting During early voting, the Gym will be closed for all other activities. Also, on June 13, the Gym will close at 4 p.m. to set up for Early Voting.

6/14 – Backyard Cookout at the Senior Center 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. It is the season for some grilling and chilling on the patio. Join us as the Prince

George's County Department of Family Services Senior Nutrition Program brings a chef to our patio. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, coleslaw, and baked beans. Musical entertainment will be provided by singer Bruce Thomas. You must preregister at the front desk by Wednesday, June 6. \$6 for residents and \$7 for nonresidents. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

6/16 – Backyard Compost Tour 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at various locations Join members of the Bowie Green Team on a tour around town to learn about different types of backyard composting. There are five scheduled stops, all of which have something different to offer. You'll learn about the compost bins the City offers, buying and using your own compost bin, and our Food Waste Program. For more information, please contact Ashleigh Armentrout at 301-809-3044 or aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org.

6/17 – Games People Played 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Enjoy games from the past. All dads receive a 10% shop discount. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

6/18 - 6/24 – National Pollinator Week 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 on June 23 to see which local foods and flowers need pollinators.

6/18 – Pincushions From the Past – Brown Bag Lunch Lecture 12 – 1 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Bring your lunch. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

6/18 – City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall. Topics include: Community Housing Initiative and Ice Arena Presentation.

6/19 – 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.

6/20 – Fairy Tale Fun 10 - 11 a.m. at Belair Mansion. Stories, craft and refreshments for ages 2 - 5, with adult. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

6/22 – We All Scream for Ice Cream! 1 - 3 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Ice cream making day. Make your own sundaes. \$2 per child. Reservations required by 6/20. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

6/23 – Certified Backyard Habitat Tour 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Visit four local certified habitats including the Bowie Food Pantry, Bowie Senior Center, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church School and City Hall. 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.

6/29 – Show Stoppers Variety Show at the Senior Center 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Celebrate spring with the South County Senior Center ShowStoppers. This 40-member group offers a delightful and whimsical array of talent through dance ensembles, song, instrumental music, comedy, and more. Bring a friend to this free show. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.