



# BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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## Bowie's Independence Day Celebration

The City of Bowie will host a free concert and fireworks display to celebrate Independence Day on **Monday, July 2** at **Prince George's Stadium**. The concert, by legendary band The Fabulous Hubcaps, begins at **7:30 p.m.** and the fireworks are expected to shoot off at around **9:15 p.m.** The fireworks show will include an exciting array of pyrotechnics that will be visible beyond the stadium.

The Fabulous Hubcaps have been together for over 40 years. They play cover music from many famous singers and bands of yesteryear, while dressing in outfits that the original performers would have worn. Attendees can expect songs by Tom Jones, Billy Joel, The Drifters, Benny Goodman, Cher, The Platters, Elvis, Buddy Holly, Tina Turner, Frank Sinatra, Little Richard, the Beach Boys and more during the performance.

Prince George's Stadium is located at 4101 Crain Highway in Bowie. The parking lot opens at 5 p.m. and doors open at 6 p.m. Food and drink will be available for purchase at the stadium. For more information, call the City's Special Events Division at **301-809-3078**.

The Bowie Police Department is working on a traffic control plan for the roads near the stadium to keep traffic moving safely after the event. Details will be shared on social media and on the City website at [www.cityofbowie.org/fireworks](http://www.cityofbowie.org/fireworks) in advance of the event.

## City's FY 2019 Adopted Budget Effective July 1

At its meeting on **May 21, 2018**, the City Council adopted the FY 2019 City Budget and Capital Improvements Program. The Adopted FY 2019 General Fund Budget is \$57.7 million, an increase of 3.8% above the FY 2018 Budget. FY 2019 General Fund Revenue is projected at \$50.9 million plus \$6.8 million of the Fund Balance will be used to cover FY 2019 General Fund Expenditures. The FY 2019 Property tax revenue is projected at \$30.5 Million, a 4.2 % growth in the City's tax revenues. The City's tax base increased by 4.1%. For more information, the detailed budget is available on the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

## City Council Meetings to Note

**July 2** - City Council Meeting **cancelled**

**July 9** - City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. - Community Housing Initiative briefing on senior housing, Prince George's County DPW Race Track Road Improvement Project briefing

**August 6** - City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. - City Transportation Priority List

For information, contact the City Clerk at 301-809-3019 or [ahernandez@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ahernandez@cityofbowie.org).

## Bowie Ice Arena Re-opens July 8

Bowie Ice Arena will re-open for summer skating on July 8. Register now for summer camps and learn-to-skate lessons – space is limited. Lessons are available for children as young as 18 months of age through adults, all levels. Half-day camps are open for children of all levels from 3-6 years of age and full-day camps are available for all levels ages 6 years and older. A monthly calendar of sessions is available on the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org/icearena](http://www.cityofbowie.org/icearena).

## 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](mailto:mlonergan@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-2383 or visit [www.cityofbowie.org/gym](http://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](http://www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms) or by calling 301-809-3033.

## Green Bowie

**Lawn Mower Rebate** - 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. If the receipt does not specify that the mower is one of these three types, please also bring a manual or other documentation for the mower. More information: [www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie](http://www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie)

**Compost Bins** - Purchase a \$20 compost bin at City Hall and start composting. City residents may purchase up to two bins per household. Payment can be made by cash or check at the Finance window during the City's business hours (Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.) and by check only at the reception desk during City Hall's night and Saturday hours (Monday thru Thursday until 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. - noon). Learn more about compost bins at [www.cityofbowie.org/compost](http://www.cityofbowie.org/compost).

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

**Sunday Sunset Concerts** 7 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Every Sunday through 9/2. Cancelled in inclement weather. For information: [www.cityofbowie.org/concerts](http://www.cityofbowie.org/concerts), [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3078.

## Did You Know ...?

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 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. If 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. For additional information about wildlife, please visit the wildlife section of our website at [www.cityofbowie.org/animalcontrol](http://www.cityofbowie.org/animalcontrol).

## MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org)

**FAIRY TALE FUN** 7/5, 10 - 11 a.m. Belair Mansion Stories, craft and refreshments for ages 2 - 5, with adult. Free

**COLONIAL SKILLS DAY** 7/11, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Drop in. Kids 4 - 11, with adult. Free

**BLAST FROM THE PAST ON THE GRASS** 7/14, 7 p.m. Belair Mansion Retro music from the 50's to the 80's. Bring a chair and enjoy! Free

**GAMES PEOPLE PLAYED** 7/15, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Enjoy table games from the past. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free

**IN FASHION - LADIES' WEAR IN THE 18TH CENTURY-BROWN BAG LUNCH LECTURE** 7/16, 12 - 1 p.m. Belair Mansion Bring your lunch. Free

**KIDS KABOOSE** 7/17, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 1-11, with adult. Free

**COLONIAL GAMES FOR KIDS** 7/18, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Roll hoops, smack the trap ball, or cool off inside with checkers or Parcheesi and more. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free

## ADULTS 55+

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

**NATURE WALK** 7/3, 9 a.m.

**PATRIOTIC LABYRINTH WALK** 7/3, 10 a.m.

**WINDOWS 10 SEMINAR** 7/12, 1 p.m.

**SURFING THE WEB SEMINAR** 7/19, 1 p.m.

**MEN'S HEALTH PRESENTATION** 7/26, 10:30 a.m.

## CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive  
301-809-2388

**MORNING WALKING** Weekdays, 7:30 - 9 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.

## July 4th Holiday

**Wednesday, July 4, 2018** is a City Holiday. City offices are closed. There is no refuse or recycling collection this day. Collection will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.

## CITY COUNCIL

Mayor G. Frederick Robinson  
Mayor Pro Tem Henri Gardner  
Michael P. Esteve  
Courtney D. Glass  
James L. Marcos  
Isaac Trouth  
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## CITY MANAGER

Alfred D. Lott  
301-809-3030

**Becky's New Car** 7/13 - 7/29 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: 301-805-0219 or [www.bctheatre.com](http://www.bctheatre.com).

**Color Blind** City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through September 15, 2018. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours).

For more information, contact Neil Norris at [nnorris@cityofbowie.org](mailto:nnorris@cityofbowie.org) or 240-544-5601.