



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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Rain Barrel and Compost Bin Sale - August 4

Are you interested in purchasing a rain barrel or compost bin? City staff and the Lions Club will sell both at Giant Food at Free State Shopping Center (15520 Annapolis Road, next to the Pea Pod Delivery section) on Saturday, **August 4**, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

If you would like to save your yard waste and food scraps to create your own compost, come purchase a compost bin at our discounted rate of \$20. If you would like to prevent rainwater run-off from going into the Chesapeake Bay and put it to good use, like watering your garden, then a rain barrel is for you. For more information, contact Ashleigh Armentrout at aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044, or visit the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie.

National Farmers' Market Week - August 5-11

Celebrate by visiting the Bowie Farmers Market on Sunday, **August 5** and find fresh, inexpensive and healthy food. The market is held in the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road) from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Also, visit again the following Sunday on August 12 for a free corn roast. Shop local vendors and organizations that offer a wide variety of products such as fresh fruits and vegetables, breads and baked goods, jams and jellies, honey, meat, ice cream, and fresh cut flowers. You may also purchase a rain barrel from the Lions Club. Each year, the market generates over \$100,000 for these local producers, a valuable economic boost for our community. Come out and celebrate!

City Council Meeting to Note

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

This is the only Council Meeting scheduled for the month of August. For more information, contact the City Clerk at 301-809-3029 or ahernandez@cityofbowie.org.

National Night Out - August 7, 6 - 8 p.m.

Join neighbors, the Bowie Police Department, and community organizations and businesses at Allen Pond Park (3330 Northview Drive) on Tuesday, **August 7**, from 6 - 8 p.m. to say "goodbye to crime" at our annual National Night Out. This nationwide event helps to enhance relationships between neighbors and law enforcement while providing a sense of community. Learn about crime prevention and public safety awareness while having fun with the whole family. Enjoy music, games, a moon bounce and food. And don't forget to dunk the Chief in the tank! For more information, please contact 240-544-5792.

Prospective Police Officer Physical Agility Test

Interested in a law enforcement career? The next Physical Agility Test for Bowie Police Officer applicants is scheduled for **August 11** at the Bowie Police Department (15901 Excalibur Road). Testing begins promptly at 8:45 a.m. **Individuals who arrive after 9 a.m. will NOT be permitted to participate.**

Please review the following requirements and minimum standards: Must be at least 20.5 years old; must show valid driver's license; wear professional athletic attire (short sleeve shirt, shorts covering to mid-thigh, and athletic shoes are minimum requirements); no nose/tongue rings; women's earrings must not extend below the earlobe. For additional information, please contact us at policepersonnel@cityofbowie.org. Join our team today!

Help Our Collectors Stay Safe

City trash and recycling collectors ("Bowie's Strongest") work hard each day to ensure waste material is collected and properly disposed of or recycled. Each collector individually lifts more than 20 tons of refuse from City curbs into the refuse trucks each week. Your care in setting out trash will assist in keeping our collectors safe. **Keep it light.** Bagged trash should be easy to lift and you should be able to carry it with one hand. Trash containers should be no larger than 32 gallons and when full, should weigh less than 50 pounds. Bundle yard debris so that it can be easily picked up and placed into the truck. **Box and label sharps.** Make certain that all glass, nails, and other sharps are safely packaged in puncture proof containers and marked as such. For information about safely disposing of needles, syringes and other medical sharps, please visit the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org/trash.

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 to make 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.

Farmers' Market Cornroast

8/12, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Enjoy free hot buttered corn on the cob (while supplies last). The Market is held in the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road) each Sunday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. through October 28, 2018. For more information, contact 301-809-3078 or 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, mcorley@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3078.

Concerts: 8/5, The Winstons; 8/12, Priceless Advice; 8/19, Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition; and 8/26, US Navy Sea Chanters

Did You Know ...?

In the State of Maryland, pursuant to Maryland Code Transportation Article Section 21-1004.1, it is a violation (\$70 fine) to leave a cat or a dog in an unattended vehicle. If the animal is left in a manner that endangers its health and welfare, such as in extreme heat, it's considered a criminal offense under the Criminal Law Article Sections 10-604, 10-606.

Animal Control Officers are allowed to use force as reasonable and necessary to gain access into a vehicle for the purpose of rescuing a pet. The City of Bowie Animal Control Division is proactive in its approach and enforcement concerning these violations. For more information, please contact Animal Control at 301-809-3002.

Color Blind City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through September 14. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours). Seeking artists for next exhibit, **Small Wonders: Miniatures**; deadline 8/3.

Community Outreach Grants will be available soon. Check the City's website for details, www.cityofbowie.org.

Holiday Arts & Crafts Market Save the date, 11/17, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hosted by the City Arts Committee. For information, visit the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org.

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

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

FAIRY TALE FUN 8/8, 10 - 11 a.m. Belair Mansion Stories, craft and refreshments for ages 3 - 7, with adult. Free

GAMES PEOPLE PLAYED 8/18, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Drop in and enjoy games from the past. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free

KIDS KABOOSE 8/21, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 1-12, with adult. Free

Looking for a fun afternoon outing for families or guests, or a quick parent's getaway afternoon? Visit a City museum - discover some local history. Free!

ADULTS 55+

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

NATURE WALK 8/1, 9 a.m.

MAGIC SHOW 8/7, 12:30 p.m.

NOT JUST BINGO 8/14, 10 a.m.

ENTERTAINER: BACK TO BROADWAY 8/14, 12:30 p.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, 9 - 11 a.m.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH 8/18, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Enjoy carnival games, moon bounce, food, giveaways and more for elementary age school children. Also, a parent resource area with information on programs and activities for the school year.

Labor Day

Monday, September 3, 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.

Hurricane Season

Now is the perfect time for Bowie residents to prepare for the effects of a major storm. For helpful tips and information, visit www.cityofbowie.org/hurricanes.

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