

# Bowie News Flash

**August 2018**

## News

### **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 to 8 p.m. to say “goodbye to crime” at the City’s annual National Night Out Against Crime. This nationwide event helps to enhance relationships between neighbors and law enforcement and fosters 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 call 240-544-5792.

### **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**, from 11 a.m. to 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, such as watering your garden, then a rain barrel is for you. For more information, contact Ashleigh Armentrout at [aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044, or visit [www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie](http://www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie).

### **\$20 Compost Bins Also Available at City Hall**

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. to noon). Learn more about composting at [www.cityofbowie.org/compost](http://www.cityofbowie.org/compost).

### **National Farmers’ Market Week – August 5 - 11**

Celebrate National Farmers’ Week by visiting the Bowie Farmers’ Market on Sunday, **August 5** and buy 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, be sure to visit again 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. – Agenda topic: 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](mailto:ahernandez@cityofbowie.org).

### **Prospective Police Officer Physical Agility Test – August 11**

Interested in a law enforcement career? The next Physical Agility Test for Bowie Police Officer applicants is **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.

Minimum standards and requirements for test:

- 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
- No nose/tongue rings
- Women's earrings must not extend below the earlobe.

For additional information, please contact the Police Department at [policepersonnel@cityofbowie.org](mailto:policepersonnel@cityofbowie.org).

### **Community Outreach Grants – Applications Due August 15**

The City of Bowie offers funding, through the Community Outreach Committee (COC), for individuals and organizations that have plans to implement a program for City of Bowie residents. Grants are awarded for projects or programs in areas such as social service, youth, senior citizens, and/or mental health issues that offer assistance to, or address the needs of, Bowie residents. The maximum amount grant amount is \$5,000. Although applicants need not be City of Bowie residents, the grant program for which they are seeking funds must directly benefit City residents. **Applications must be received at City Hall no later than Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 5 p.m.** For additional information, please contact Neil Norris at 240-544-5601 or [nnorris@cityofbowie.org](mailto:nnorris@cityofbowie.org).

### **Back to School Bash – August 18**

Elementary school aged children are invited to have some fun at the Bowie Gym's annual Back to School Bash on August 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Enjoy carnival games, moon

bounce, food, giveaways and more. There will also be a parent resource area with information on programs and activities for the school year. For more information, contact the Gym at 301-809-2388.

### **What's Bouncing at the City Gym?**

- Morning Walking - 7:30 - 9 a.m.
- Basketball Open Gym - Weekdays, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Co-ed Recreational Volleyball – Fridays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Pickleball – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 - 11 a.m.

Information: 301-809-2388

### **Hurricane Season**

With the 2018 Atlantic hurricane season upon us, 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](http://www.cityofbowie.org/hurricanes).

### **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 easily be picked up and placed into the truck. Make certain that all glass, nails, and other sharp items are safely packaged in puncture proof containers and marked “sharps”. For information about safely disposing of needles, syringes and other medical sharps, please visit [www.cityofbowie.org/trash](http://www.cityofbowie.org/trash).

### **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](http://www.cityofbowie.org/mosquitoes).

### **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).

### **\$70 Fine for Leaving a Cat or Dog in an Unattended Vehicle**

In Maryland, it is a violation of state law (\$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 is 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 to and enforcement of these violations. For more information, please contact Bowie Animal Control at **301-809-3002** or visit [www.cityofbowie.org/animalcontrol](http://www.cityofbowie.org/animalcontrol).

### **Bowie Youth & Family Services Programs**

Bowie Youth & Family Services offers counseling for all families in the City who have children in the home who are high school age or younger. Other services include outreach activities and a mentoring program for students at Bowie High School. Our staff members are licensed clinicians who each hold a graduate degree in a mental health specialty and who have years of training and experience in treating children, teens and their families. For more information, please call 301-809-3033.

### **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](http://www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms) or call 301-809-3033.

### **Mentor a Teen**

Bowie Youth & Family Services is now recruiting adult volunteer mentors to provide care and support to a Bowie High School student who may be struggling to make a successful transition into the high school environment. A mentor act as a friend, advisor and a listening heart. Make a difference in the life of a student by assisting 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](mailto:mentor@cityofbowie.org).

## **Sunday Sunset Concerts**

Concerts are held every Sunday through Labor Day weekend, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. They are canceled in the case of inclement weather. For information: visit [www.cityofbowie.org/concerts](http://www.cityofbowie.org/concerts), email [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org) or call 301-809-3078.

### **August concerts:**

8/5, *The Winstons* (Motown sound);  
8/12, *Priceless Advice* (90s music);  
8/19, *Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition* (country/bluegrass)  
8/26, *US Navy Sea Chanters* (chorus)

## **Color Blind at the City Hall Art Gallery**

The current art exhibit at City Hall runs **through September 15**. It is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are City Hall hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

## **Holiday Arts and Crafts Market**

Save the date! On **November 17**, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the City Arts Committee will host a Holiday Market. For information, visit [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

## **Jobs**

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

- **Code Compliance Officer/Trainee** (closes 8/17/2018)
- **Communications Specialist II** (open until filled)
- **Police Officers** – Entry level & Lateral (open until filled)
- **Bus Driver** – Part time (open until filled)
- **Ice Arena Attendant** – (open until filled)

For more information or to apply, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/jobs](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobs).

## **Events**

**8/4 - Rain Barrel and Compost Bin Sale** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Giant Food at Free State Shopping Center (15520 Annapolis Road, next to the Pea Pod Delivery area) City staff and the Lions Club will sell both rain barrels and compost bins. For more information, contact Ashleigh Armentrout at [aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044, or visit [www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie](http://www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie).

**8/5 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *The Winstons* (Motown)** 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. These concerts offer relaxing entertainment for the entire family. All concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For information: [www.cityofbowie.org/concerts](http://www.cityofbowie.org/concerts), [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3078.

**8/6 – City Council Meeting** 8 p.m. at City Hall. On the agenda: City Transportation Priority List.

**8/7 – Magic Show** 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**8/7 – National Night Out Against Crime** 6 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Join neighbors, the Bowie Police Department, and community organizations and businesses at Allen Pond Park (3330 Northview Drive) to say “goodbye to crime” at our annual National Night Out Against Crime event. For more information, please contact 240-544-5792.

**8/8 – FairyTale 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](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**8/11 - Prospective Police Officer Physical Agility Test** 8:45 a.m. at the Bowie Police Department for those interested in a position in law enforcement. For additional information, please email [policepersonnel@cityofbowie.org](mailto:policepersonnel@cityofbowie.org).

**8/12 – Farmers’ Market Cornroast** Enjoy free hot buttered corn on the cob from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (while supplies last). The Market is held in the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road) each **Sunday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.** through October 28. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org). Also, visit the Bowie Farmers’ Market page on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/BowieFarmersMarket](http://www.facebook.com/BowieFarmersMarket).

**8/12 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – Priceless Advice (90s music)** 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. All concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For information: [www.cityofbowie.org/concerts](http://www.cityofbowie.org/concerts), [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3078.

**8/14 – Not Just Bingo** 10 a.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**8/14 – Entertainer: Back to Broadway** 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**8/18 – Back to School Bash** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the City Gym. Enjoy carnival games, moon bounce, food, giveaways and more fun for elementary school-aged children. There will also be a parent resource area with information on programs and activities for the school year. For more information, contact the Gym at 301-809-2388.

**8/18 – Games People Played** 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Drop in and enjoy games from the past. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**8/19 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition (country/bluegrass)** 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. All concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For information: [www.cityofbowie.org/concerts](http://www.cityofbowie.org/concerts), [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3078.

**8/21 – 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](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**8/26 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – US Navy Sea Chanters (chorus)** 7 – 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. All concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For information: [www.cityofbowie.org/concerts](http://www.cityofbowie.org/concerts), [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3078.

**9/3 – 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 pickup day.