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Salute to America Concert

The City's annual Salute to America Concert is set to take place on Sunday, **September 2, 2018** from 7 - 8 p.m. at the Robert V. Setera Amphitheater in Allen Pond Park. The Salute to America Concert will be the final show of the summer Sunday Sunset Concert series. The Bowie State University Concert Band will provide a selection of patriotic music. The concert is dedicated to all those who currently serve or have served in the Armed Forces. We will also pay tribute to the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attack. A candlelight vigil will be held to remember those we have lost. So bring your flags, candles, friends and family to Allen Pond for this patriotic evening. All are encouraged to dress in red, white and blue, or wear military attire, if appropriate. For more information, please contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

City Council Meeting to Note

September 17 - City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. - Preliminary Plan #4-17027, South Lake - Karington, LLC, requests the City's approval recommendation for a Preliminary Plan of subdivision containing 695 dwelling units (an additional 591 units to be added to the currently approved 1,294 dwelling units and commercial uses on 381.52 acres) in the northern section of the overall development site.

For more information, contact the Planning Department at 301-809-3047.

September is National Preparedness Month

Disasters can happen any day. The City of Bowie would like to remind residents that September is a good time to review preparedness information for severe weather, including hurricanes, and other emergencies that can occur throughout the year. To prepare, all are encouraged to make and practice an emergency plan, learn lifesaving skills, check insurance coverage, and save for an emergency. Making preparations when threats are not imminent can make communities more resilient. Several online sources provide good emergency preparedness information. Visit the City's website - www.cityofbowie.org/hurricanes - and these other sites for tips on how you can prepare for an emergency:

- MEMA: <http://memamaryland.gov>
- Federal Emergency Management Agency: www.ready.gov
- National Weather Service: www.weather.gov/safety

Apply for a Single Family Housing Grant

The Single Family Housing Rehabilitation Program is a federally funded grant program that provides financial assistance to single-family homeowners with limited financial means. The purpose of the grant is to provide energy efficiency related upgrades and repairs to correct hazardous conditions, repair or replace major systems, correct interior and exterior deficiencies, energy improvements, modifications for persons with disabilities and eliminate lead based paint hazards.

To be eligible to participate, the applicant must be of low to moderate income and be the legal owner and full time resident of a property located within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Bowie. The maximum grant fund per household is \$10,000. Prior grant recipients within the previous ten years are ineligible to apply. This new program will provide energy audits and energy efficiency rehabilitation activities to all low to moderate income households, with a focus on seniors, veterans, disabled homeowners, emergency responders and teachers. Applicants must provide income and asset verification. Additional federal requirements apply. For more information and an application, contact the City's Office of Grant Development and Administration at **301-809-3051** or bowiehsg@cityofbowie.org.

Register for Youth & Family Services Fall Groups

Bowie Youth & Family Services (BYFS) 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.

Registration is open for four group programs this fall. The first, **Calm, Confident Kids**, is designed to help school-aged children develop strategies for managing worries. The second fall group, **The Active Parenting Program**, is open to parents with school-aged children or teens. Our third group, **Girls Count**, is an after-school program for 9-12th grade girls. Finally, our popular **ADHD Group**, for 7-11 year old children with Attention-Deficit Disorder and their parents, will begin in October. Families are encouraged to call **301-809-3033** for more information, to register, or to arrange for an appointment.

Imagine an Hour that Impacts a Lifetime

Mentoring makes a difference and now is the time to volunteer. The Bowie Youth & Family Services Teen Mentoring Program can help you do just that. When you volunteer to mentor a Bowie High School student, you agree to spend one hour a week building a positive relationship with a student and supporting their success in school, in their family and in the Bowie community. Mentors need to be willing to make a commitment to meet weekly with a teen for the entire academic year; agree to security screen and fingerprinting; and participate in mentor trainings and group events. To apply, contact Program Coordinator Tia Younger at mentor@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3033.

Weed Warrior Workday

9/15, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Whitemarsh Park. Come help the Green Team remove English Ivy from trees and earn Student Service Learning hours while helping the environment! To register, or for more information, please contact the City Sustainability Planner, Ashleigh Armentrout, at 301-809-3044 or aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org.

Cop for a Day

Experience a day in the life of a Bowie police officer on **September 15**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Bowie Town Center. Enjoy a thrilling vehicle pursuit, foot chase, conduct traffic stops, building search, and more! This event is open to everyone 9 years and older. Registration is \$15 and includes a t-shirt (\$10 with no shirt). All proceeds support Special Olympics. Lunch provided by Mission BBQ. For information and registration: 240-544-5792 or www.bowiecopforaday.com.

Bowie Health Fair

University of Maryland Capital Region Health in conjunction with the City of Bowie and other community partners is proud to present the annual Bowie Health Fair on **September 15**, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Health Center Drive! Enjoy a day of fun and education for the entire family, including free health screenings, educational workshops, music, entertainment, and a kid's fun zone. For information: 240-485-7165 or www.bowiehealthfair.com.

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

ROCHAMBEAU'S MARCH 9/8, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Re-enactors, camp life, sewing circle and more! Free

SECOND TUESDAY LECTURE 9/11, 7:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Topic to be announced. Free

KIDS KABOOSE 9/18, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 1-11, with adult. Free

ADULTS 55+

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

NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH CELEBRATION 9/7, 12:30 - 2 p.m. DJ music and ice cream sundaes Preregistration and fee required.

911 LABYRINTH WALK 9/11, 10 a.m.

BEING JUST FRIENDS 9/11, 11 a.m.

LAUGHTER YOGA 9/12, 10 a.m.

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

MORNING WALKING
Weekdays, 8:30 - 10 a.m.

PICKLEBALL Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

COED RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL Friday, 12 - 2 p.m.

The City Gym will be closed for annual maintenance 8/27 - 9/9. The Gym will reopen 9/10.

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.

Beautification Awards

9/19 at City Hall. Slide presentation and refreshments at 7 p.m. Awards presentation at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Fall Concerts

Saturdays, 2 - 4 p.m. at Town Green Park in Old Town Bowie, September 1 - 29. For information: 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

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Singing in the Rain 9/21 - 10/20 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: 301-832-4819 or www.2ndstarproductions.com.

Color Blind City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through September 14. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours).

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.