



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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Bowie International Festival - October 6

Experience the cultures of many countries as you travel around the world in just one day at the Bowie International Festival, **Saturday, October 6, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**, at Allen Pond Park. There is entertainment for everyone - enjoy dance and musical performances from a variety of cultures. Enjoy food from different countries and artisans selling everything from jewelry to crafts and clothing. Children can travel around the world with their "passports" and enjoy activities, stories and games from many lands. Join us for a day of international celebration and exploration! Admission to the International Festival is free. Information: www.cityofbowie.org/internationalfest, 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

City Council Meetings to Note

October 1 - City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. - Pecan Ridge Conservation Subdivision Proposal; South Lake (Karington) Tax Increment Financing Application; South Lake (Karington) Introduction of TIF Resolution.

October 15 - City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. - Police Department Update; Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

For information, contact the City Clerk at 301-809-3029 or ahernandez@cityofbowie.org.

Green Bowie

Walk Wednesday Sessions continue this month on Wednesday **October 3** at Allen Pond (meet at playground) at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday **October 10** at Acorn Hill Park (meet at Tree City USA sign) at 6:30 p.m. These are fun walks around green spaces in Bowie, led by members of the Green Team. They last approximately 30 minutes. Registration not required. Information: aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044

Weed Warrior Workday Join members of the Green Team to remove English Ivy, an invasive weed that suffocates trees, on **October 20, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.** at Whitmarsh Park. Participation is limited to 30. Student Service Learning Hours available. Register: aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044.

Paper Shredding and Styrofoam Recycling

The City will host a paper shredding and styrofoam recycling event on **Saturday, October 6, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.** at the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road). Residents may bring up to five tall kitchen bags or five archive boxes for shredding. Documents may be observed while they are being shredded. Styrofoam must be free of any debris (glue or tape). For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344 or csullivan@cityofbowie.org.

Rabies Vaccine and Microchip Clinic

A low cost rabies vaccine and microchip clinic is scheduled for **Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** at City Hall. Vaccines and microchips are \$10 each, CASH ONLY. The clinic is sponsored by Bowie Animal Control and Prince George's County Health Department and features Dr. James Peterson from Highway Veterinary Hospital. For more information, contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002 or hdale@cityofbowie.org.

Fall Concerts

The Old Town Bowie Fall Concert Series continues Saturdays, 2 - 4 p.m. at Town Green Park in Old Town Bowie through October 27. The October schedule features the following bands: 10/13, ILYAIMY (Folk Rock); 10/20, 40 Dollar Fine (Root Rock); and 10/27, Alan King (R&B). For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Top Gardens Honored

The yard of Ivestia Williams captured the top award for the 2018 Distinguished Yard at the 23rd Annual Beautification Awards held at City Hall. This event was cosponsored by Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton. Thanks to the nominees who have made Bowie a beautiful place to live and to the sponsor, Frank's Garden Center, who provided prizes and decorations. For a complete list of winners visit www.cityofbowie.org/beautification.

Sidewalk Maintenance

Now that children are back in school, it is important to ensure their safety as they walk to and from school. The width of the average City sidewalk is four feet. Bowie City Code requires the owner of property abutting a sidewalk to ensure there is no overgrowth of grass or weeds onto or within the pavement. The City Code also prohibits any tree limbs or shrubbery branches to branch over the sidewalk less than 9 feet above the pavement. Please edge, clear the entire four-foot wide sidewalk surface abutting your property, and maintain a nine-foot clearance above the sidewalk. Schoolchildren, joggers, dog walkers and other pedestrians will truly appreciate your attention. For information, contact the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 or dmichelle@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 and Samuel Ogle Middle 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: Calm, Confident Kids; The Active Parenting Program; Girls Count; and ADHD Group. Call **301-809-3033** for more information.

DEA Drug Take Back Day - October 27

Join the Bowie Police Department for DEA's next Drug Take Back Day on **Saturday, October 27, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**, at the Bowie Police Department (15901 Excalibur Road). Safely and responsibly dispose of expired or unused medications. Pet medications accepted! No needles/sharps. For more information, contact the Police Department at 240-544-5792 or AGibson@cityofbowie.org.

Cop for a Day Rescheduled - September 29

Experience a day in the life of a Bowie police officer on **September 29, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** at Bowie Town Center. Enjoy a thrilling vehicle pursuit, foot chase, conduct traffic stops and more! Open to all, 9 years and older. Registration is \$15 (\$10 without shirt). All proceeds support Special Olympics. Lunch provided by Mission BBQ. For information and registration: 240-544-5792 or www.bowiecopforaday.com.

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

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

THE WAR OF 1812 AND THE BATTLE OF BLADENSBURG - SECOND TUESDAY LECTURE 10/9, 7:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

THE PEOPLE OF BELAIR - BROWN BAG LUNCH LECTURE 10/15, 12 p.m. Belair Mansion Bring your lunch. Free

KIDS KABOOSE 10/16, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 1-11, with adult. Free

FAIRY TALE FUN 10/23, 10 - 11 a.m. Belair Mansion Halloween stories, craft and refreshments for ages 3 - 6, with adult. Free

ADULTS 55+

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

SUPPORT GROUP FOR WIDOWED PERSONS Thursdays, 10/4-11/8, 2 - 4 p.m.

GET TO KNOW MEDICARE 10/9, 11 a.m.

BONSAI SHOW 10/17, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Public welcome

CANCER PREVENTION AND DETECTION 10/25, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

AUTUMN HARVEST PARTY 10/31, 12:30 - 2 p.m., Fee and registration required.

SAGE CLASSES BEGIN IN OCTOBER Register now

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.

ICE ARENA

3330 Northview Drive
301-809-3090

PUBLIC SESSIONS Schedule can be viewed at www.cityofbowie.org/icearena.

GROUP LESSONS Learn-to-Skate Classes begin October 4, 5 and 13. Contact the Ice Arena for information.

HALLOWEEN ON ICE 10/27, 1 - 3 p.m. Free admission with costume. Free skate rental with canned good.

Ice Arena will be closed October 6.

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