

Bowie News Flash

October 2018

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Cop for a Day Rescheduled – September 29

Experience a day in the life of a Bowie police officer on **September 29, from 10 a.m. to 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.

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.

South Lake (Karington) Development

There are two items on the October 1 City Council Meeting Agenda related to the proposed South Lake (Karington) development. Karington LLC is requesting that Prince George's County provide approximately \$27.5 million financing in the form of tax increment financing (TIF) bonds to be paid for by increased revenues received by both the County and the City from the projected development.

Staff and advisors will provide a report and analysis of the TIF application. The public may comment on the application during the public hearing; however City Council will not be taking action on the application at this meeting.

The other item related to South Lake is the introduction of a resolution expressing the City Council's intent to act, ratify, and otherwise adopt specific measures to implement the City's support of the TIF financing. This resolution is needed to further advance the annexation of the land area that encompasses the South Lake project and is derived from terms of the 2016 annexation agreement. The resolution will be introduced at this meeting. It will not be eligible for action that evening. Learn more about Tax Increment Financing at www.cityofbowie.org/TIF.

Coffee with a Cop – October 3

The Bowie Police Department is hosting Coffee with a Cop on October 3, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Starbucks Coffee located at Free State Shopping Center (15480 Annapolis Road). Coffee with a Cop brings police officers and the community members they serve together, over coffee, to discuss issues and learn more about each other. Free Starbucks coffee will be given to all police and community members who attend, while supplies last.

National Public Alert and Warning System Test – October 3, 2:18 p.m.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) System on October 3, 2018.

Most people are already familiar with the Emergency Alert System, which is tested monthly on radio and television. The Wireless Emergency Alert system is different. It sends a message to your mobile device when there is an AMBER Alert, a Flash Flood, or Tornado Warning in your area. The system is location based; therefore, you will receive an alert only if you are located near a cell tower within the affected area. Even if your phone is on silent, you should still receive a visual message.

This same system can also send out a Presidential Alert in the event of a national emergency. WEA and EAS tests have happened before, but this will be the first nationwide test of Presidential Alerts.

On October 3, at 2:18 p.m. EST, the Presidential WEA test will begin. At that time, WEA-compatible phones that are switched on and within range of an active cell tower, should receive the test message. (It may take up to 30 minutes for the message to be distributed throughout the nation to all mobile carriers.) There will be a loud tone and vibration, repeated twice, and the following message will appear on the screen of the mobile device: ***“This is a test of the National Wireless Emergency Alert System. No action is needed.”***

Remember this is only a test. It will be an important exercise to determine our nation’s ability to reach its residents in the event of an emergency. To learn more about this test, visit www.cityofbowie.org/oct3_alert_test.

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 will be 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. For information, visit www.cityofbowie.org/internationalfest, call 301-809-3078 or email mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Paper Shredding and Styrofoam Recycling – October 6

The City will host a paper shredding and Styrofoam recycling event on **Saturday, October 6, 8 a.m. to 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 of documents for shredding. The 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 – October 13

A low cost rabies vaccine and microchip clinic is scheduled for **Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at City Hall. Vaccines and microchips are \$10 each. Only cash will be accepted. The clinic is sponsored by Bowie Animal Control and Prince George’s County Health Department and will feature Dr. James Peterson from Highway Veterinary Hospital doing microchipping. For more information, contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002 or email animalcontrol@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. to 12 p.m. at Whitemarsh Park. Participation is limited to 30. Student Service Learning Hours available. Register: aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044.
- **Energy Audit Program** Save money and improve the comfort of your home with a no-cost BGE comprehensive energy audit available to Bowie homeowners. Complete an application online at www.cityofbowie.org/eap or in the Planning Department at City Hall, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Beautify Bowie - Plant a Tree** Add beauty, shade, and privacy to your yard. Tree rebates of \$50 and \$100 are available for City residents who would like to purchase up to two trees to plant on their property. Trees can be purchased at any Maryland nursery or store this year and there are 11 native species of trees eligible for rebates. Applications and details at www.cityofbowie.org/treerebate. Information: Call Ashleigh Armentrout at 301-809-3044 or email aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org.
- **\$20 Compost Bins 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. to 5 p.m.) and by check only at the reception desk during City Hall's evening and Saturday hours (Monday thru Thursday until 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon). Learn more about compost bins at www.cityofbowie.org/compost.

Fall Concerts

The Old Town Bowie Fall Concert Series continues Saturdays, 2 to 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.

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. to 2 p.m., at the Bowie Police Department (15901 Excalibur Road). Safely and responsibly, dispose of expired or unused medications. Pet medications are also accepted! No needles/sharps. For more information, contact the Police Department at 240-544-5792 or agibson@cityofbowie.org.

Halloween on Ice – October 27

Celebrate Halloween at the Ice Arena on October 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. Free admission with costume. Free skate rental with a canned good. Costume contest, treat bags and lots of skating

fun for the whole family! For information, call the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090 or visit www.cityofbowie.org/icearena.

What's Bouncing at the City Gym?

- Morning Walking – 8:30 - 10 a.m.
- Pickleball – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Coed Recreational Volleyball – Fridays, 12 - 2 p.m.

For more information on any of these programs, contact the City Gym at 301-809-2388.

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 hang over the sidewalk less than nine 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 efforts. For information, contact the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 or dmichelle@cityofbowie.org.

Top Gardens Honored at Beautification Ceremony

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 thanks also to the sponsor, Frank's Garden Center, who provided prizes and decorations.

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. 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 to 12th grade girls. Finally, our popular **ADHD Group**, for 7 to 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.

Road Construction Update for Route 3/301

- **Work at the intersection of Route 3 and Forest Drive** to improve safety, especially for those turning into and out of Forest Drive. Work will include extending acceleration lanes and measures to prevent those exiting Forest Drive from directly crossing the southbound side of the highway to go northbound on Route 3. A traffic signal is also planned for the intersection of Route 3 at Sylvan Drive to provide for gaps in the southbound traffic. Construction will begin this fall and will be completed by spring 2020.
- **Utility repair work** will take place on MD 301 (Crain Highway) from MD 214 (Central Avenue) to Trade Zone Avenue through fall 2018. There will be intermittent lane closures, overnight, from 1 a.m. through 5 a.m.

Mentors Needed

Mentoring makes a difference in the life of teens and now is the time to volunteer. The Bowie Youth & Family Services Teen Mentoring Program helps bring teens together with caring adults. 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 a security screening 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.

City Offers Education Grants

The City of Bowie Education Committee sponsors the Education Grants Program to enhance the learning experiences of Bowie students. These grants will help to promote educational programs and academic excellence both inside and outside of the classroom. Do you have a creative idea for a new project or program educational experiences?

Grant awards are from \$100 to \$1,000 and must support Bowie schools. Apply now for the 2018 to 2019 school year. Submission deadline is October 15, 2018. For more information, please contact Neil Norris, staff liaison to the City of Bowie Education Committee at 240-544-5601 or nnorris@cityofbowie.org.

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.

Vendors Needed for Holiday Arts & Crafts Market

The Bowie Arts Committee is hosting a Holiday Arts & Crafts Market on Saturday, November 17, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts (BCPA) The vendor application deadline is October 19, 2018. For more information, please contact Neil Norris at 240-544-5601 or nnorris@cityofbowie.org.

Bowie Art Exhibit - *Small Wonders*

The current exhibit in the City Hall Galleries is entitled *Small Wonders* and includes a variety of pieces from local artists depicting different interpretations of small works and miniatures. The exhibit runs through **November 30, 2018**. Gallery hours are the same hours as City Hall: Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information, contact Neil Norris at 240-544-5601 or nnorris@cityofbowie.org.

Jobs

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

- HVAC Specialist/Trainee (closes 10/5/18)
- Vehicle Maintenance Technician and Trainee (both close 10/5/18)
- Park Aide (closes 10/5/18)
- Communications Specialist II – Police Department (open)
- Police Officer – Entry Level and Lateral Positions (open)

Visit www.cityofbowie.org/jobs for more information or to apply.

Proper Disposal of Paints

A common question the City government receives is “How do I dispose of unused paint?” The answer depends on whether the paint is oil based or water based. Unused oil based paint must be handled as a hazardous waste. You may drop off cans of oil based paints or stains at the Prince George's County residential hazardous waste acceptance site Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The facility is located at 11611 White House Road, Upper Marlboro. Water-based (latex) paint cans can be collected by City trash trucks only if they are empty or the paint has hardened. To prepare liquid latex paint for collection, add kitty litter or a commercial

paint hardener. Liquid latex paints may also be taken to the Prince George's County hazardous waste acceptance site.

An option to disposing of paint is to offer it for reuse. Community Forklift in Edmonston, Maryland accepts limited quantities of paints and stains in original containers that are at least half-full, less than five years old, rust-free, and with readable labels.

The City does not have a drop off location for any paints. While the Public Works site does have a used motor oil and antifreeze acceptance site, this site is not a drop off location for any other materials, including paint. Please do not leave paint or other items at the Public Works site or you may be fined for illegal dumping.

Light Bulb Exchange

October is National Energy Awareness Month! Stop by Giant Food at Free State Shopping Center on Monday October 22 from 1 to 3 p.m. and "lighten your load" by turning in old and used light bulbs. You may also take up to three (3) Phillips LED bulbs for participating.

City of Bowie staff will properly dispose of all old light bulbs. Call Ashleigh at 301-809-3044 or email aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org with questions.

Community Solar Information Session

Also for National Energy Awareness Month, the City will be hosting an information session about solar energy opportunities. The session will address all things solar, including rooftop solar, the Green Team Energy subgroup, and a special presentation by Neighborhood Sun about Community Solar opportunities. It takes place on Wednesday, October 24 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. For more information, contact Sustainability Planner Ashleigh Armentrout at 301-809-3044 or aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org.

Remembering John McNamara

Bowie Blade-News reporter John McNamara lost his life in July when a single disgruntled person opened fire on the Capital Gazette-News offices in Annapolis. The City Council will honor the memory of this fine individual at a public ceremony at City Hall on October 27. During the ceremony, Council will unveil a plaque dedicating the press area in the Council Chambers in memory of Mr. McNamara. All are welcome to attend this event, which will begin in the lobby of City Hall at 10 a.m.

Leaf Collection Begins October 29

The leaves on the trees are still green right now, but they will be changing and dropping before you know it. The City's annual curbside Vacuum Leaf Collection program begins on October 29. Each single-family neighborhood will have two collection days. The schedule will be published next week on our website and will appear later in October in the Bowie Blade-News.

Register Now for Green Bowie Veterans Day 5K

On Saturday, November 10, please join us for the first ever Green Bowie Veterans Day 5K to celebrate and commemorate the many veterans in the City of Bowie. The 5K will take place (start and finish) at the Bowie Town Center fountain. Registration is FREE and can be found on www.active.com by searching Green Bowie. All registrants will receive a t-shirt and race bib. Many local businesses, community groups and veterans will be participating in this fun and exciting event. For more information, please call 301-809-3044 or email aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org. The course map will soon be posted to our website.

Events

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9/29 – Fall Concert – *Project Natale (Jazz)* Afternoon concert in Old Town Bowie at Town Green Park (weather permitting). See the full concert schedule at www.cityofbowie.org/fallconcerts.

10/1 – City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall. Pecan Ridge Conservation Subdivision Proposal; South Lake (Karington) Tax Increment Financing Application; South Lake (Karington) Introduction of TIF Resolution. For information, contact the City Clerk at 301-809-3029 or ahernandez@cityofbowie.org.

10/3 – National Alerting Test (See article above in the News section.)

10/3 – Coffee with a Cop 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Starbucks, Free State Shopping Center (15480 Annapolis Road). FREE Starbucks coffee to all police and community members who attend this event, while supplies last.

10/3 – Walk Wednesday 6:30 p.m. at Allen Pond (meet at playground). Information: aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044.

10/4 – 11/8 – Support Group for Widowed Persons Thursdays, 2 - 4 p.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

10/4 – Group Skating Lessons Begin Bowie Ice Arena. Classes for children 18 months of age to adults. Register at the Ice Arena. Visit www.cityofbowie.org/icearena or call the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090 for more information.

10/5 – “Singing in the Rain” at Bowie Playhouse, weekends through 10/20. Tickets: 301-832-4819 or www.2ndstarproductions.com.

10/6 – Paper Shredding and Styrofoam Recycling 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road). For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344 or csullivan@cityofbowie.org.

10/6 – Stay Sharp on Social Media – A Program for Middle and High Schoolers 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Bowie State University Student Center (14000 Jericho Park Road). Guest speakers, entertainment, prizes, workshops, contests and scholarships. Sponsored by County Councilman Todd Turner and the City of Bowie. For more information, contact Neil Norris at nnorris@cityofbowie.org or 240-544-5601.

10/6 – Bowie International Festival 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. For more information, visit www.cityofbowie.org/internationalfest or contact Matt Corley at mcorley@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3078. Due to this event, the Ice Arena is closed on 10/6.

10/9 – Get to Know Medicare 11 a.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

10/9 – The War of 1812 and the Battle of Bladensburg – Second Tuesday Lecture 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

10/10 – Walk Wednesday 6:30 p.m. at Acorn Hill Park (meet at Tree City USA sign). Information: aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044.

10/13 – Fall Concert – Ilyaimy (Folk Rock) 2 - 4 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon concert in Old Town Bowie at Town Green Park (weather permitting). See full schedule at www.cityofbowie.org/fallconcerts.

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10/13 – Fire Prevention Open House at Fire Station 39 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Free State Shopping Center.

10/15 – The People of Belair – Brown Bag Lunch Lecture 12 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Bring your lunch. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

10/15 – City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall. Police Department Update, and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). For information, contact the City Clerk at 301-809-3029 or ahernandez@cityofbowie.org.

10/16 – Kids Kaboose 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun and games for youngsters ages 1 - 11, with adult. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

10/17 – Bonsai Show 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

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10/23 – Fairy Tale Fun 10 - 11 a.m. at Belair Mansion. Halloween stories, snack and a craft. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

10/24 – Community Solar Information Session 6:30 - 8 p.m. at City Hall. Learn about all things solar, including rooftop solar, the Green Team Energy subgroup, and a special presentation by Neighborhood Sun about Community Solar opportunities.

10/25 – Cancer Prevention and Detection 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

10/27 – Ceremony Remembering Bowie Blade-News Reporter John McNamara 10 a.m. at City Hall. During the ceremony, City Council will unveil a plaque dedicating the press area in the Council Chambers in memory of Mr. McNamara. All are welcome to attend this event, which will begin in the lobby of City Hall.

10/27 – DEA Drug Take Back Day 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Bowie Police Department. Dispose of unused/unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs in a safe manner. For more information, contact the Police Department at 240-544-5792 or agibson@cityofbowie.org.

10/27 – Halloween On Ice 1 - 3 p.m. at Bowie Ice Arena. Free admission with costume. Free skate rental with canned good. Costume contest, treat bags and lots of skating fun for the whole family! For more information, contact the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090.

10/27 – Fall Concert – Alan King (R & B) 2 - 4 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon concert in Old Town Bowie at Town Green Park (weather permitting). See full schedule at www.cityofbowie.org/fallconcerts.

10/28 – “Oktoberfest” at Bowie Farmers’ Market 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the parking lot of the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts at Bowie High School. Free scarecrow making (participants supply a long-sleeve shirt and trousers) and free pumpkin painting (pumpkins available for purchase) starting at 10 a.m. For more information, please contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

10/29 – Curbside Vacuum Leaf Collection Begins. Each single-family neighborhood will have two collection days. The schedule will be published soon at www.cityofbowie.org/leafsched and will appear later in October in the Bowie Blade-News.

10/31 – Autumn Harvest Party 12:30 - 2 p.m. at the Senior Center. Fee and registration required. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

10/31 – Halloween Trick or Treating Recommended hours are 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.