



# BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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## Bowie Awarded Smart Energy Communities Grant

The City is pleased to announce that it has received a \$16,000 grant award from the Maryland Smart Energy Communities Grant Program (MSEC). The City plans to use the grant award to retrofit the Bowie Senior Center's entire lighting inventory with LED lights. The Senior Center currently requires around 200,413 kWh of energy annually to operate its 1,176 lights on the exterior and interior of the building (not including parking lot) at a cost of around \$9,420 per year. All the existing fixtures are either high pressure sodium, incandescent or other lighting that is far from efficient. The potential for energy and cost savings through retrofitting these lights with LEDs is significant. The City stands to save around 127,971 kWh annually after retrofitting all the lighting with LEDs, representing a 64% reduction in annual electricity usage. The cost savings associated with the energy reduction amounts to approximately \$6,000 per year.

The MSEC program awards annual grants through a competitive application and review process. For more information, please contact Grants Manager George Jones at [bowiehsg@cityofbowie.org](mailto:bowiehsg@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3051.

## City Council Meetings to Note

- **March 4** City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Trails Master Plan Criteria, Financial Advisory Committee 2018 Citizen Survey
- **March 18** City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Presentation, Police Department Update

For information, contact the City Clerk at 301-809-3029 or [ahernandez@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ahernandez@cityofbowie.org).

## Business Preparedness Workshop

The City's Office of Emergency Management is excited to host the first Business Preparedness Workshop on **March 14, 2019**, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at City Hall. This workshop aims to assist local businesses in building an emergency action plan for their facility and gain valuable knowledge on what it means to be prepared. To RSVP, contact Stephanie Robinson at [srobinson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:srobinson@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3088.

## Workforce Development Training Program

The City of Bowie is offering residents a free Workforce Development and Life Skills Training Program for adults and youth between the ages of 15 and 25. The program will provide free training in a variety of employment-related skills, including career planning, communications, and other life skills. The application is available online until March 22 at [www.cityofbowie.org/worktraining](http://www.cityofbowie.org/worktraining).

A public forum about the program is scheduled for **March 14 at 7 p.m.** in the Council Chamber at City Hall. For more information, please contact [workforcedev@cityofbowie.org](mailto:workforcedev@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3009.

## Young Adult Employment Fair

Bowie Youth and Family Services will host a Young Adult Job Fair on Saturday, **March 16, 2019**, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the City Gymnasium. Now in its third year, the goal of this job fair is to connect young adults, ages 16 to 24, with potential employers. In 2018, over 250 young adults showed up ready to be interviewed and hired. We hope all employers who participated last year will return and encourage all others seeking to hire to join us. Potential employers and young adults can register for the event at [www.cityofbowie.org/jobfair](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobfair). Tables are free but space is limited. Sign up now!

**Resume/Interview Skills Workshops - 2/28**, 6 - 8 p.m. and **3/2**, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., at Kenhill Center. The workshops are free and open to all young adults. Soroptimist International will provide representatives to assist with resume preparation and interview readiness skills. Registration is required and space is limited.

For information and registration, contact Bowie Youth and Family Services at **301-809-3033** or visit [www.cityofbowie.org/jobfair](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobfair).

## Malcolm "Skip" Popp Award

The Community Outreach Committee is accepting nominations for the Malcolm "Skip" Popp Award. This award recognizes Scouts and/or Scout Leaders who have rendered "extraordinary and distinguished" community service within Scout organizations in the City of Bowie during calendar year 2018. To be eligible for this award, Scouts or Scout Leaders must be affiliated with a Scouting group within the limits of the City of Bowie, and/or a Scouting group for which 50% or more of their youth members are City of Bowie residents. They must also be registered with the Boy Scouts of America or Girl Scouts, USA. Please see the nomination form for details regarding eligibility criteria and information required. The deadline is **Friday, March 22, 2019**. Nomination forms may be found at [www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms](http://www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms) or at City Hall. For more information, contact Sharon Hunt at [shunt1@verizon.net](mailto:shunt1@verizon.net) or 301-802-0714, or Neil Norris at [nnorris@cityofbowie.org](mailto:nnorris@cityofbowie.org) or 240-544-5601.

## Green Bowie

**Save the Bay Workshop** You've probably heard that phrase for years, but have thought there's nothing you can do to help. Join us on **Tuesday, March 26**, at 7 p.m. at City Hall to learn about bayscaping, a method of landscaping yards that minimizes the impact to Bowie's streams and the Chesapeake Bay. Staff from the University of Maryland Extension Service and Prince George's County will provide tips for your yard and will discuss the Bay-Wise certification program. RSVP is requested for planning purposes.

**Spring Cleaning is Around the Corner** On **Saturday, April 6**, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., the City will host its annual stream cleanup. We need your help to identify areas of our community that need a little sprucing up. If there's a stream, park, or other public space where litter or dumped tires, construction debris, furniture, etc., accumulates please let us know. Call or email Tiffany Wright with details.

To RSVP or for more information about either of these programs, please contact Tiffany Wright at 301-809-3043 or [twright@cityofbowie.org](mailto:twright@cityofbowie.org).

## Bike to Work Day Save the Date!

**Friday, May 17**, 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. at two Bowie Pit Stops - **Bowie City Gym (new location)** and Old Town Bowie Fire Station. A free event full of food, fun and prizes. Online registration opens in early March at [www.biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org).

For more information, contact Frank Stevens at 301-809-3053 or [fstevens@cityofbowie.org](mailto:fstevens@cityofbowie.org).

**Bowie Crofton Camera Club** City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through April 2019. Free and open to the public. (Next up "Abstracts")

**Arts and Education Scholarships** Applications are available at area high school Guidance Offices. Please see your counselor for details.

**The Women of Lockerbie** weekends 3/1 - 3/17 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: 301-805-0219 or [www.bctheatre.com](http://www.bctheatre.com).

For more information, contact Neil Norris at [nnorris@cityofbowie.org](mailto:nnorris@cityofbowie.org) or 240-544-5601.

## MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org)

**FAIRY TALE FUN** 3/12, 10 - 11 a.m. Belair Mansion Ages 2-5, with adult. Stories, snack and a craft. Free

**THE EFFECTS OF WWII ON EASTPORT, MD - SECOND TUESDAY LECTURE** 3/12, 7:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

**KIDS KABOOSE** 3/19, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 1-11, with adult. Free

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH** 3/23, Belair Mansion Free  
**12 p.m.** - Women's Fashion 1795-1820  
**1 p.m.** - How and Why Mid-Nineteenth Century Women Dressed as They Did  
**2:30 p.m.** - First Ladies That Helped Husbands Get Elected

## ADULTS 55+

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

**GUAVA JELLY: DREAMIN' OF DE ISLANDS** 3/15, 12:30 p.m. Musical performance

**SHOWSTOPPERS: IRISH THEMED VARIETY SHOW** 3/18 12:30 p.m.

**ART EXHIBIT: BUTTERFLIES FOR MOM - RECEPTION** 3/21, 3 p.m. Cindy Freland, artist

**PIANO RECITAL** 3/26, 12 p.m.

**WOMEN'S HEALTH PRESENTATION** 3/28, 10:30 a.m.

## ICE ARENA

3330 Northview Drive  
301-809-3090  
[www.cityofbowie.org/icearena](http://www.cityofbowie.org/icearena)

**SUMMER CAMP** Registration begins **3/15**. Full and half day camps for ages 3 and older, all levels.

**Full Day SK8 Camp** - Ages 6 and older July 15-19 and August 12-16, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Half Day Small SK8 Camp** - Ages 3 - 6 July 29-August 2 and August 19-23, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Advanced Camps** - Offered Call for information

**APRIL GROUP LESSONS** Registration begins **3/16** All ages and levels

## CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive  
301-809-2388

**SPRING BREAK BASKETBALL CAMP** April 22-26, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Boys and girls ages 8-14. Contact Camp Director Mike Lonergan at 301-809-2382 or [mlonergan@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mlonergan@cityofbowie.org)

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