

# Bowie News Flash

**March 2019**

## **News**

### **Young Adult Employment Fair – March 16**

Bowie Youth and Family Services will host a Young Adult Job Fair on Saturday, **March 16** from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the City Gymnasium. 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 at the Job Fair, 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! For information, please call 301-809-3033.

### **Workforce Development Training Program**

The City of Bowie is offering residents a free Workforce Development and Life Skills Training Program for young 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. To apply, please visit [www.cityofbowie.org/worktraining](http://www.cityofbowie.org/worktraining). The deadline is **March 22**.

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 301-809-3009 or [workforcedev@cityofbowie.org](mailto:workforcedev@cityofbowie.org).

### **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 will 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 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 Meeting to Note

- **March 18** City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Agenda topics: 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, from 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.

### 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 [morris@cityofbowie.org](mailto:morris@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.

To RSVP, to report a problem area, 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).

### **Contact the Teen Job Bank for Help**

Bowie Youth & Family Services sponsors a Teen Job Bank, where residents can find Bowie youth who are looking for opportunities to make extra money, on either an occasional or a regular basis. Residents may use this service to find teens who can help with tasks such as snow shoveling, yard work, babysitting, tutoring, shopping, or other chores. The resident and the teen determine the particulars of the job and the fees per hour. To participate, complete the Job Bank Teen application or Resident Application found on the City website at [www.cityofbowie.org/jobbank](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobbank) or call 301-809-3033.

### **Register for the City Gym Spring Break Basketball Camp**

Camp will be held **April 22 - 26**, from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. for boys and girls ages 8 - 14. Contact Camp Director Mike Lonergan at 301-809-2382 or [mlonergan@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mlonergan@cityofbowie.org).

### **Green Citizen Award Nominations**

The City presents an annual Green Citizen Award to one citizen with outstanding practices in sustainability and community outreach. The awardee is recognized each spring at the Bowie Green Expo. (This year's event takes place on April 13, 2019). The selection panel consists of members of the Bowie Green Team and the Environmental Advisory Committee.

The first winner was Gaye Williams in 2017, followed by Dr. Harold Moline in 2018. The deadline for 2019 nominations is March 13, 2019. For more information about the nomination process, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/greencitizen](http://www.cityofbowie.org/greencitizen).

### **City Hall Art Gallery**

**Bowie Crofton Camera Club** – Exhibit runs **through April 2019**. The Gallery is free and open to the public during City Hall hours. For more information, please contact Neil Norris at [nnorris@cityofbowie.org](mailto:nnorris@cityofbowie.org) or 240-544-5601.

### **Report Potholes**

It's the season for potholes! You can easily report them on the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org/potholes](http://www.cityofbowie.org/potholes) or call the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.

### **Keep the Lights On - Report Street Light Outages**

The City is responsible for the maintenance of most street lights in Bowie and uses a contractor to perform the repairs. But we need your help to identify and report where the lights are out or malfunctioning. There are several ways you can do this:

- Use our online [24-hour service request system](#)
- Email Dawn Cullins at [dcullins@cityofbowie.org](mailto:dcullins@cityofbowie.org)
- Call 301-809-2336

No matter what the method you use to report the problem, please be prepared to provide:

- The address nearest the pole
- The pole number (found about five feet up the pole)
- Your name and contact information so we can follow-up with you or obtain further information if necessary.

In general, it is our goal to have a street light outage repaired within two to five business days after the outage is reported. However, when a pole has been knocked down it could take up to five business days to get it replaced; and when the repair involves a problem with the underground cable supplying power to the pole, it will take an extended time to complete, since it requires locating all the underground utilities in the area before digging can begin.

### **Staying Connected**

This Bowie News Flash is one of the many ways that the City uses to communicate with residents. We recognize that different people have different preferences when it comes to how they receive their news about the City. Whatever method(s) you choose, our goal is to make it quick and simple for you to stay in touch with City government - to get the services you need, to get answers to your questions, and to provide feedback to City officials.

Please use any of the following methods to stay in touch; and if you have suggestions about how we can improve our communications with residents, please email [publicinfo@cityofbowie.org](mailto:publicinfo@cityofbowie.org) or call 301-809-3032.

- **Alert Bowie** – Receive email and text messages, and in some instances, phone calls about what’s going on in Bowie. Sign up to receive weather alerts, traffic and crime alerts, news and events, job openings, government closures, and service interruption notices at [www.cityofbowie.org/alerts](http://www.cityofbowie.org/alerts).
- **City website** - View Council meetings, reports, job openings, bidding opportunities, event information, and more at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org). You can also pay your City water bill or a speed camera ticket on the site or submit a request for service.
- **Bowie Spotlight** – The monthly newsletter of the City of Bowie is published on the last Thursday of the month in the Bowie Blade-News. This free newspaper is delivered to every Bowie neighborhood. If you are not receiving the Blade each week, please call their circulation office at 410-268-4800 or email [circulation@capgaznews.com](mailto:circulation@capgaznews.com).
- **Bowie Government Channel (Verizon Channel 10/Comcast Channel 71)** - Tune in to see announcements about upcoming City events or to view City Council meetings.
- **Social Media** – Follow the City government on Twitter (@CityofBowie), Facebook ([www.facebook.com/bowiemd](http://www.facebook.com/bowiemd)) and Instagram ([instagram.com/cityofbowie](http://instagram.com/cityofbowie)). There are also Facebook pages for Bowie Animal Control, the Bowie Police Department, the Bowie Ice Arena, and Bowie Youth & Family Services and several City Twitter feeds. See the complete list at [www.cityofbowie.org/socialmedia](http://www.cityofbowie.org/socialmedia).

## Jobs

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

- **Executive Office Associate** (closes 3/15/19)
- **Communications Specialist II** (open)
- **Police Officers - Entry level** (open)
- **Street Maintenance Worker** (closes 3/15/19)
- **Part Time Temporary Laborer – Stormwater** (closes 3/15/19)
- **Senior Services Assistant Manager** (open until filled)
- **Boathouse Supervisor** (open)
- **Park Aide** (open)
- **Ice Arena Attendant** (open) Parks & Grounds (open)

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

### **Bike to Work Day – May 17 – Save the Date!**

Celebrate Bike to Work Day 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. It is 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).

### **New Citizens' Police Academy Begins in May**

Would you like to get a firsthand look at the behind-the-scenes operations of a police department? Are you fascinated by the investigative process? Do you want to know how an agency juggles media relations? We invite you to apply for Session VI of the Bowie Police Department Citizens' Police Academy, which begins May 7, 2019. Learn more at [www.cityofbowie.org/bpdcitizenacademy](http://www.cityofbowie.org/bpdcitizenacademy).

### **Vendors Needed for Bowie Green Expo**

The 2019 Green Bowie Expo takes place on April 13. In its ninth year, the event is organized by the Bowie Lions Club and co-sponsored by the City of Bowie.

The Expo is a fun, family-friendly, free day of all things green. There is a kids' area with games and learning activities, live performances, hybrid vehicles on-site, and lots of vendors promoting their green services and offering giveaways at the event. The Expo takes place on Saturday, April 13 from noon - 4 p.m. at the Kenhill Center.

If you are a vendor with a green service and would like to participate, please visit [www.bowiegreenexpo.org](http://www.bowiegreenexpo.org) or contact the Bowie Lions Club at 301-262-2665.

**Recycling Tip of the Month**

Bowie recycles about 35% of its total waste stream. This may seem low, but it is considered a fairly good rate for a municipality. However, we can do better! To encourage residents to recycle more or throw away less, starting this month, we'll be featuring a recycling (or reuse) tip in this document and on our website. We hope you'll find them useful and that they will answer some of your questions about Bowie's recycling program.

***March Recycling Tip***...Always wash out your yogurt containers, pasta jars, jelly jars, soup cans, milk jugs, etc. The recycling center can only recycle clean items. Dirty containers can contaminate other items and must to be removed manually before the recycling process begins.

## Events

### **Weekends through 3/17 – The Women of Lockerbie at Bowie Playhouse**

Information: 301-805-0219 or [www.bctheatre.com](http://www.bctheatre.com).

**3/12 – Fairy Tale Fun** 10 - 11 a.m. at Belair Mansion. Ages 2 - 5, with adult. Stories, snack and a craft. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**3/12 – The Wright Flight and the History of the College Park Aviation Museum - Second Tuesday Lecture** 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**3/14 – Business Preparedness Workshop** 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at City Hall. The Office of Emergency Management will host the first Business Preparedness Workshop 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.

**3/14 – Workforce Development Training Forum** 7 p.m. at City Hall. This forum will provide information about the Workforce Development Training Program for ages 15 – 25 that will begin in April. For more information, please contact 301-809-3009 or [workforcedev@cityofbowie.org](mailto:workforcedev@cityofbowie.org).

**3/15 – Summer Skate Camp Registration Opens** at the Ice Arena. Full and half day camps for ages 3 and older, at all skill levels. **Full day SK8 Camp** for ages 6 and older, July 15 - 19 and August 12 - 16, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. **Half day Small SK8 Camp** for ages 3 - 6, July 29 - August 2 and August 19 - 23, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Advanced Camps** also offered. For more information, please contact the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090 or visit [www.cityofbowie.org/icearena](http://www.cityofbowie.org/icearena).

**3/15 – Guava Jelly: Dreamin' of de Islands** 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Musical performance. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**3/16 – Young Adult (ages 16 - 24) Employment Fair** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Bowie Gym. Employers seeking to hire young adults can register their business and young adults seeking employment can preregister for the event at [www.cityofbowie.org/jobfair](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobfair). Tables are free but space is limited. Sign up now!

**3/16 – April Group Lesson Registration Begins** at the Ice Arena. Lessons for all ages and levels. For more information, please contact the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090 or visit [www.cityofbowie.org/icearena](http://www.cityofbowie.org/icearena).

**3/18 – Show Stoppers: Irish Themed Variety Show** 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**3/18 – Regular City Council Meeting** 8 p.m. at City Hall. Tentative Agenda items:

- Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Presentation
- Police Department Update

**3/19 – Kids Kaboose** 10:30 a.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad stories and fun for ages 1 - 11. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**3/21 – Art Exhibit: Butterflies for Mom - Reception** 3 p.m. at the Senior Center. Artist Cindy Freland. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**3/22 – Workforce Development Training Program Application Deadline** Apply at [www.cityofbowie.org/worktraining](http://www.cityofbowie.org/worktraining). For more information, please contact [workforcedev@cityofbowie.org](mailto:workforcedev@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3009.

**3/23 – Women’s History Month at Belair Mansion** Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

- **Keeping Up With the Europeans: Women’s Fashion 1795 - 1820**, 12 p.m.
- **Underneath the Layers: How and Why Mid-Nineteenth Century Women Dressed as They Did**, 1 p.m.
- **Unusual for Their Time: First Ladies That Helped Husbands Get Elected**, 2:30 p.m.

**3/26 – Piano Recital** 12 p.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**3/26 – Save the Bay Landscaping Workshop** 7 p.m. at City Hall. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Tiffany Wright at 301-809-3043 or [twright@cityofbowie.org](mailto:twright@cityofbowie.org).

**3/28 – Women’s Health Presentation** 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

### **Save the Date...**

**4/6 – Free Electronics Recycling Event** 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Public Works Facility on Annapolis Road