



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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April is Earth Month - Celebrate!

Annual Earth Day Concert and Art Display April 5 at 7 p.m. Bring the family out for a night of entertainment supporting local acts and local art to kick off Earth Month! This event takes place at the Bowie Center for Performing Arts (BCPA). For information, contact Ashleigh at aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044.

Annual Stream Clean Up April 6, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Please join us on Saturday for the stream clean-up. We have a park and several streams in need of help. For site locations, please contact Tiffany Wright at twright@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3043. Students in Prince George's County schools will receive service learning hours, and Scouts will earn a Green Bowie badge.

Bowie Green Expo at Kenhill Center April 13, 12 - 4 p.m. The theme of the 9th annual Bowie Green Expo is "educate the youth, inspire the future". Browse green vendors, check out the kids zone, collect green giveaways, and much more! For information, contact Ashleigh at aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044, or the Bowie Lions Club at 301-262-2665.

Spring Plant Sale April 27, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. The annual native plant sale hosted by the Bowie-Crofton Garden Club takes place in the Bowie High School/ Bowie Branch Library parking lot. Learn how to create pollinator gardens with true native plants; instructional program, 10 - 11 a.m. Vegetables, flowers, trees and shrubs will be available as well.

City Council Meetings to Note

- **April 1** City Council Meeting, 8 p.m.
- **April 10** Special City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Indoor Court Facility Feasibility Discussion, Introduction of Budget Ordinance and CIP Resolution, Budget Worksession #1

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

Budget Review Begins in April

City Council begins reviewing the Proposed FY20 Budget and Capital Improvements Program in April. This Budget takes effect **July 1, 2019**. The public is invited to attend all Council Meetings, Public Hearings and Budget Worksessions on this Budget. Meetings begin at 8 p.m. at City Hall.

- **April 10 Budget Introduction, Public Hearing, & Budget Worksession #1** – General Fund Revenues, Capital Improvement Program, and Capital Projects Fund
- **April 15 Budget Worksession #2** - Public Works Department and Water and Sewer Fund
- **April 22 Budget Worksession #3** - Community Services Department
- **April 29 Budget Worksession #4** City Manager's Office, Police, Finance and Nondepartmental
- **May 6 Budget, CIP and Constant Yield Tax Rate Public Hearing**
- **May 13 Budget Worksession #5** - Planning and Economic Development, Information Technology, Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Fund, General Fund Summaries, and Appendix, which includes the Plan of Compensation.
- **May 20 Adoption of Budget and Capital Improvements Program**

2019 City Election Information

The next City election will be on **November 5, 2019**. The offices of Mayor and six Councilmembers will be up for election. Residents who are registered voters can file for elected office in the Office of the City Clerk. Please call the City Clerk at **301-809-3029** in advance to verify filing eligibility requirements and to arrange a filing date and time. Last day to file for office of Mayor, Council Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 and for two At-Large seats is October 4, 2019.

Bowie Ice Arena April Learn-to-Skate classes begin **April 4** for all ages and levels. Summer Camp registration is underway for full-day and half-day camps for children 3 years of age and older. The Ice Arena will be closed for annual maintenance in May and June and reopen in July for summer skating. For more information, visit us online at www.cityofbowie.org/icearena or call 301-809-3090.

Electronics Recycling **Saturday, April 6**, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the City's Public Works Department, 16350 Annapolis Road. Recycle televisions, computers, phones, etc. for free. On-site hard drive destruction for \$10. For more information, contact Carissa Sullivan at 301-809-2339 or csullivan@cityofbowie.org.

City Gym Spring Break Basketball Camp **April 22 - 26, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.** The City Gym will host an instructional basketball camp for boys and girls ages 8 - 14. The cost is \$150 for Bowie residents and \$175 for nonresidents. For information, contact Mike Lonergan at 301-809-2383 or mlonergan@cityofbowie.org.

Celebrate Arbor Day! **April 27** at 10 a.m., Acorn Hill Park at Stonybrook Drive and Sage Lane. For information, contact Rick Kellner at 301-809-3061 or rkellner@cityofbowie.org.

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. A free event full of food, fun and prizes. Online registration is open at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org or 800-745-7433. Free t-shirt to first 20,000 registrants region-wide. For information, contact Frank Stevens at 301-809-3053 or fstevens@cityofbowie.org.

Memorial Day Parade **Saturday, May 25**, 11 a.m. There is still time to sign your organization up to participate in this fun and patriotic event! For more information, please contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Code Corner - House Numbers

Not only is it important to have visible house numbers for the mail carrier and pizza delivery to find your house, but also to assist first responders in locating you in emergencies. House numbers should be on the front of the house in Arabic numerals no less than four inches (4") in height on a contrasting background clearly visible from the street. The use of words spelling out the house numbers does not satisfy the requirements of the City Code (Sec. 5-7(c)16). For more information, contact Code Compliance at 301-809-3008 or dmichelle@cityofbowie.org.

Wild Animals May Not Act So Wild

Each spring, wild animals become quite active and more visible. This is a friendly reminder to residents that although these animals may appear to be less afraid of humans, please remember they are still *wild animals* and not *companion animals*. Bowie Animal Control asks residents to call and report animals acting abnormal, sick, or in distress. Also, please make sure your pet's rabies vaccine is current in order to prevent any quarantine requirements in the event your pet has contact with a wild animal. For more information, contact Bowie Animal Control at **301-809-3002**.

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

Education Committee is Collecting Books to give to children at Bowiefest in June. Please donate.

For more information, contact Neil Norris at nnorris@cityofbowie.org or 240-544-5601.

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

FAIRY TALE FUN 4/9, 10 a.m. Belair Mansion Ages 2-5, with adult. Stories, snack and a craft. Free

CIVIL WAR DIARIES OF JOHN W. BURROUGHS OF CROOM, MD - SECOND TUESDAY LECTURE 4/9, 7:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH 4/13, 1 p.m. Belair Mansion Learn about the discovery of the late 18th century historic African American burial ground at Serenity Farm. Free

KIDS KABOOSE 4/16, 10:30 a.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 1-11, with adult. Free

NEGRO LEAGUE BASEBALL EXHIBIT 4/6 - 4/7, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF HERBS 4/27, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion

ADULTS 55+

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

WIDOWED PERSONS SUPPORT WORKSHOP 4/11, 2 p.m. Preregister

ART TREASURES ON EXHIBIT: ARTIST DORIS VOSS DASENBROCK 4/11, 5 p.m. Reception

MAGIC CLASS: MAGICIAN ALEX DE TESSIERES 4/16, 4:30 p.m. \$10 Preregistration required Ages 10 and older

ARTHRITIS AND JOINT HEALTH PRESENTATION 4/25, 10:30 a.m.

FREE LEGAL CLINIC: POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTHCARE AND ADVANCE DIRECTIVES 5/1 Call for appointment.

Hydrant Flushing

Begins April 1, 2019 and takes place Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. For information and the schedule, visit www.cityofbowie.org/flushschedule.

Street Sweeping

City streets are cleaned regularly during the non-winter months. For information and the schedule, visit www.cityofbowie.org/streetsweeping.

Prescription Drug Take Back

4/27, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Bowie Police Department. Information: 240-544-5700

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