



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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Memorial Day Parade - May 25

Come enjoy the City's annual Parade on **Saturday, May 25**. Join family, friends and neighbors as we honor all who have served and those who are still serving in our armed forces in the defense of our nation. Come out and cheer on marching bands, veterans groups, active service members and many community organizations that come together to pay tribute on this holiday weekend.

The Parade begins at **11 a.m.** at the Bowie High School Annex (3021 Belair Drive). Participants will march along Belair Drive to a right on Sussex Lane, continue to a right on Stonybrook Drive, and then a final left onto Sage Lane. The reviewing stand, along with concession stands and restrooms, will be located in Acorn Hill Park on Stonybrook Drive. Belair Drive, Sussex Lane and Acorn Hill Park are wonderful locations to view the parade.

Bring your flags, wear red, white and blue and show your hometown pride! As you enjoy the parade, please be respectful of neighborhood homes and property. Please stay in the common area of the curb and the sidewalk and take everything you brought with you when you leave.

Whether you prefer to be a participant in the parade or stand on the sidelines cheering, you can be a part of this patriotic event! There is still time to sign up your group or organization to be included. For more information or to download an application, go to www.cityofbowie.org/parade or call 301-809-3078.

City Council Meetings to Note

The City Council's review of the Proposed FY20 Budget and Capital Improvements Program concludes in May. This Budget takes effect **July 1, 2019**. The public is invited to attend all Council Meetings, Public Hearings and Budget Worksessions. Meetings begin at 8 p.m. at City Hall.

- **May 6** Budget, CIP and Constant Yield Tax Rate Public Hearing, Charter Amendment CAR-1-19
- **May 13** Budget Worksession #5 - Planning and Community Development, Information Technology, Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Fund, General Fund Summaries and Appendix (including the Plan of Compensation)
- **May 20** Adoption of Budget and Capital Improvements Program

Trails Planning Workshop

Join us for the second Bowie Trails Planning Workshop on Saturday, **May 4**, 2019 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive. Building off the success of the first workshop held in February, participants will work to establish several destination trails and review ideas for improved safety and better connectivity. Presentation at 9 a.m., followed by an open house format until noon. For more information, please visit www.cityofbowie.org/trailsmasterplan, or contact Joe Meinert, Planning Director, at jmeinert@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3047.

Weed Warrior Workday

May 4, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Whitmarsh Park. Join members of the Bowie Green Team to remove English ivy from trees. Learn all about why English ivy is harmful to trees, get outside, volunteer, and earn SSL hours. Participants must register- contact Ashleigh at aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044 for more information.

City Gym Summer Basketball Camp

The City Gym will host summer basketball camps **June 24 - 28** and **July 15 - 19**, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., for boys and girls ages 8 - 14. The cost is \$210 for Bowie residents and \$225 for nonresidents. For information, contact Mike Lonergan at mlonergan@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-2383 or visit www.cityofbowie.org/gym.



Maryland Women's Business Center (MWBC)

The MWBC helps start, sustain and grow women-owned enterprises. Its vision is to be a regional leader in building successful and innovative women-owned enterprises that stimulate job growth and overall economic development through training, counseling, and access to resources. The MWBC is located at the Bowie Business Innovation Center at Bowie State University. For more information, please visit www.marylandwbc.org or contact Senior Business Counselor Angie Duncanson at 301-383-1550 ext.104 or angie@marylandwbc.org.

Code Corner - Exterior Home Maintenance

When the weather turns warm, it is a great time to plan for a "spring cleaning". Your home's constant exposure to the elements can leave it looking dirty. Exterior siding can accumulate dirt, grime or stains from pollen, bird droppings or rust. In shady, moist areas, mold and mildew can grow. City Code Section 5-7(c)3 requires that all exterior home surfaces be "... free of moss, mold, mildew, rust, corrosion, ...". Power washing non-painted surfaces is an easy way to maintain a home's exterior. For more information, visit our Code Compliance webpage at www.cityofbowie.org/codecompliance.

Spring Tips From Animal Control

Spring is upon us and it is not unusual to see young wildlife on the ground. This does not mean they are orphaned, and it is best to leave them in their natural setting. It is also not unusual to observe raccoons or foxes during the daytime. Seeing one does not mean they have rabies. If you have any questions or concerns about wild or domestic animals, please call Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002.

Sunday Sunset Concert Series Begins 5/26, 7 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Every Sunday through 9/1. Canceled in inclement weather. Information: 301-809-3078, www.cityofbowie.org/concerts or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Farmers' Market Opens! 5/19, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road), each Sunday through 10/27. Information: 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Bike to Work Day Friday, 5/17, 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. at two Bowie Pit Stops - Bowie City Gym (new location) and Old Town Bowie Fire Station. Register at 800-745-7433 or www.biketoworkmetrodc.org. Free t-shirt to first 20,000 registrants region-wide. Information: Frank Stevens at 301-809-3053 or fstevens@cityofbowie.org.



Bowie Ice Arena The Ice Arena will close for maintenance **May 1** and will re-open for summer skating in **July**. Registration is underway for July and August Summer Camps and Learn-to-Skate Classes for all ages and levels.

For information, please call 301-809-3090 or visit www.cityofbowie.org/icearena

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

FAIRY TALE FUN 5/14, 10 - 11 a.m. Belair Mansion Stories, craft and refreshments for ages 2 - 5, with adult. Free

BOWIE HERITAGE DAY 5/19, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion, Belair Stable, Bowie Railroad Museum and Genealogy Library - Music by Durham Station, pony rides, face painting and tiny tike races at the Stable; blacksmithing, sachet making and games at the Mansion; and learn how to research your family history at the Genealogy Library. Free

ADULTS 55+

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

SENIOR CHORALE CONCERT: "TOONED IN - DISNEY AND BEYOND" **5/15**, 4 p.m. and **5/16**, 1 p.m. at Bowie Senior Center; tickets \$3. **5/22**, 7:30 p.m. at Bowie Center for the Performing Arts; tickets \$8. Must purchase tickets in advance at the Senior Center.

INFORMATION FAIR: WISER TOGETHER - INTERGENERATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS **5/29**, 10 a.m., "What We Had" AARP movie and discussion **5/30**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Senior Services panel discussion; **5 - 7 p.m.**, Evening Information Vendor Fair **5/31**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Information Vendor Fair
Open to the public!

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

MORNING WALKING
Weekdays, 8:30 - 10 a.m.

BASKETBALL OPEN GYM
Weekdays, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

PICKLEBALL Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

COED RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL Fridays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SENIOR FIT Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 - 10 a.m.

Community Shredding Event

6/22, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Bowie High School Parking Lot

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Les Miserables (student version) 5/2 - 5/5 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: www.storytellerstheaterarts.com.

Abstracts City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through June. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours).

Education Committee is Collecting Books to give to children at Bowiefest on June 1, 2019. Please donate. Information: norris@cityofbowie.org or 240-544-5601.