

# Bowie News Flash

**May 2019**

## News

### **Deadline to Apply for a Community Garden Plot at the Kenhill Center is May 2**

The City of Bowie is pleased to offer garden space to City residents for the purpose of growing and harvesting healthy and nutritious foods in a setting that fosters teamwork, sustainability and a commitment to the environment.

Community Garden membership applications are available at City Hall and online at [www.cityofbowie.org/communitygarden](http://www.cityofbowie.org/communitygarden). Payment must accompany the application (a 5'x8' plot is \$25 and an 8'x8' plot is \$40). Applications must be received at City Hall by **5 p.m. May 2**. Plots will be assigned by lottery May 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kenhill Center. Those interested in picking their own plot location may attend the meeting. Attendance does not guarantee an applicant a garden plot. Plot allotment is contingent upon the number of applications received. For more information, contact Sheri Beach at 301-809-3086 or [sbeach@cityofbowie.org](mailto:sbeach@cityofbowie.org), or visit [www.cityofbowie.org/communitygarden](http://www.cityofbowie.org/communitygarden).

### **Don't Miss a Single Event this Month!**

As the temperatures heat up in May, so too does our community calendar of events. We hope you will get outside, enjoy the weather, and attend one of our many offerings.

#### **Farmers' Market Opens Sunday, May 19**

Join us for the Bowie Farmers' Market Opening Day on Sunday, May 19 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Market vendors will offer fresh locally grown produce, fruit, cut flowers, plants, breads, pastries, jams, jellies and more. The market operates in the parking lot of the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts at Bowie High School, 15200 Annapolis Road every Sunday through October 27, 2019. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

#### **Celebrate Bowie's Heritage on May 19**

Heritage Day takes place on Sunday, May 19 from 12 to 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion, Belair Stable, Bowie Railroad Museum and the Genealogy Library. The day will feature musical performances by Durham Station, pony rides, face painting and tiny tike races at the Stable; blacksmithing, sachet making and games at the Mansion. Also learn how to research your family history at the Genealogy Library. Free. For more information, please contact the Museums Office at 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

### **Memorial Day Parade – May 25**

Bowie's annual parade in salute to those who serve, steps off from the Bowie High School Annex (3021 Belair Drive) at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 25. Participants will march along Belair Drive to Sussex Lane, then to Stonybrook Drive to Sage Lane. The reviewing stand, along with concession stands and restrooms, will be located in Acorn Hill Park on Stonybrook Drive. For more information, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/parade](http://www.cityofbowie.org/parade) or call 301-809-3078.

### **Sunday Sunset Concert Series Begins May 26**

Concerts are held every Sunday from 7 to 8 p.m. through Labor Day weekend. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, contact Special Events Manager Matt Corley at [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3078. Information is also available at [www.cityofbowie.org/concerts](http://www.cityofbowie.org/concerts).

### **Traffic Calming Measures for Belair Drive and Beaverville Lane**

In the next few weeks, street construction activity will begin on Beaverville Lane and Belair Drive. Workers will be installing traffic calming measures on both streets to reduce speeds and hopefully to discourage some cut through traffic from MD 450 and MD 3. Three speed humps will be installed on Beaverville Lane. The Belair Drive work will be done in two phases. The first phase, from Beechtree Lane to Kenhill Drive will begin this spring and will include speed cushions, raised crosswalks, and stop signs at Kenhill Drive and at Stonybrook Drive. The Belair Drive Phase 1 Plan was first presented to stakeholders in 2017. Phase 2, which will address new measures from Kenhill Drive to Annapolis Road (MD 450), is still in the planning stages. Community input will be sought before it moves forward.

More information about these measures to improve the safety of Belair Drive and Beaverville Lane can be found at [www.cityofbowie.org/belairtraffic](http://www.cityofbowie.org/belairtraffic). If you have questions or comments about these measures, please contact Project Manager Michael Schramm at [mschramm@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mschramm@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-2341.

### **Volunteers Needed for Emergency Exercise**

The Bowie Health Center will conduct a full-scale Mass Casualty Incident exercise on Thursday May 23, between 9 a.m. and noon. In order to add realism to the exercise and to properly train and test the emergency responders in the hospitals, volunteers are needed to play the roles of victims. To sign up please go to <https://mdchhs.com/2019/03/05/region-v-fse-volunteer-sign-up/> and click on Bowie Health Center. For more information, please email [preeti.emrick@dimensionshealth.org](mailto:preeti.emrick@dimensionshealth.org).

### **2019 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. The 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.

### **City Council Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Review Concludes in May**

City Council began 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. Meetings begin at 8 p.m. at City Hall. For information, contact the City Clerk at 301-809-3029 or [ahernandez@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ahernandez@cityofbowie.org).

- **May 6 - Budget, CIP and Constant Yield Tax Rate Public Hearing. Also on the agenda for this Council meeting:** Charter Amendment CAR-1-19, Ordinance O-3-19, and City Lobbyist Report
- **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**

### **Temporary Road Closure in Northridge**

The City will rebuild brick paver intersections at two locations in Northridge:

- Quill Point Drive at Fletchertown Road (May 20 - June 7)
- Quarterhorse Drive at Fletchertown Road (June 10 - 28)

Quill Point and Quarterhorse Drives will be closed at Fletchertown Road during construction; however, Fletchertown Road will remain open. While the road closures may provide a temporary inconvenience, access to all properties will be maintained throughout the construction period.

Work will be performed Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you have questions or concerns about the project, please contact Jackie Tayman at 301-809-2332 or [jtayman@cityofbowie.org](mailto:jtayman@cityofbowie.org).

### **Bike to Work Day – May 17**

Celebrate Bike to Work Day Friday, May 17, from 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. Register now at [www.biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://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](mailto: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, call 301-809-3090 or visit [www.cityofbowie.org/icearena](http://www.cityofbowie.org/icearena).

### **Weed Warrior Workday – May 4**

On Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., join members of the Bowie Green Team to remove English ivy from trees at Whitemarsh Park. Learn all about why English ivy is harmful to trees,

get outside, volunteer, and students can earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours. Participants must register in advance. Please contact Ashleigh at [armentrout@cityofbowie.org](mailto:armentrout@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044 for more information.

### **Trails Planning Workshop – May 4**

Join us for the second Bowie Trails Planning Workshop on **Saturday, May 4, 2019** from 9 a.m. to 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. The presentation is at 9 a.m., followed by an open house discussion until noon. For more information, contact Planning Director Joe Meinert at [jmeinert@cityofbowie.org](mailto:jmeinert@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3047 or visit [www.cityofbowie.org/trailsmasterplan](http://www.cityofbowie.org/trailsmasterplan).

### **Pet Ownership Class – May 8**

Are you considering a new pet? Or, maybe you're a seasoned pet owner with questions. The City of Bowie will host a free pet ownership class on Wednesday, May 8, 6 - 8 p.m. at City Hall. Topics will include cost and care, training, relevant County and City codes, low cost clinics, and a question and answer segment. For more information, contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002 or [ldowell@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ldowell@cityofbowie.org).

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### **Memorial Day Holiday – Monday, May 27**

Monday, May 27 is a City holiday. City offices are closed. There is no refuse or recycling collection this day. Collection will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.

### **Senior Center Information and Referral Fair – May 29 - 31**

Each spring the Senior Center hosts a free fair to bring special entertainment and information to the community. The theme of this year's Information and Referral Fair is "*Wiser Together – Intergenerational Partnerships.*" For more information, contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300. Open to the public.

#### **Schedule:**

**5/29**, 10 a.m., "*What We Had*", AARP movie and discussion;

**5/30**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Senior Services panel discussion and 5 - 7 p.m., Evening Information Vendor Fair;

**5/31**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Information Vendor Fair.

### **Low Cost Rabies Vaccine and Microchip Clinic – June 8**

The City will host a low cost rabies vaccine and microchip (\$10 each, cash only) clinic on Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the City Hall rear parking lot, near the pond. Pets must be at least three months old to receive a rabies vaccine. Pets must be on a leash or in a carrier and

under control. Prince George's County pet licenses will also be on sale. Services will be provided by Dr. James Peterson. For more information, please contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002.

### **Register for the City Gym Summer Basketball Camp**

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

### **Education Committee Collecting Children's Books**

The Committee is collecting books to give to children at Bowiefest on **June 1, 2019**. Please donate. For more information, contact Neil Norris at [nnorris@cityofbowie.org](mailto:nnorris@cityofbowie.org) or 240-544-5601.

### **Green Bowie Programs**

- **\$20 Compost Bins Available at City Hall** City residents may purchase up to two bins per household. Payment is by cash or check at the Finance window during business hours (Monday - 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 - Thursday 5 - 10 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.). Information: [www.cityofbowie.org/compost](http://www.cityofbowie.org/compost)
- **\$50 and \$100 Tree Rebates** There are 11 species of trees eligible for rebates. Trees can be purchased at any Maryland nursery or store this year. Applications and program details can be found at [www.cityofbowie.org/treerebate](http://www.cityofbowie.org/treerebate).
- **\$50 Lawn Mower Rebates** Buying a new mower? City residents who purchase a new mulching, electric, or manual reel mower are eligible to receive a \$50 rebate from the City of Bowie. To obtain your cash rebate, bring proof of City residency and the receipt for a mulching, electric, or manual reel mower to the Finance Department at City Hall. Questions? Call 301-809-3020.

### **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. The City Code 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](http://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.

### **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 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.

### **What's Bouncing at the City Gym?**

- **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. Learn to play!
- **Coed Recreational Volleyball** Fridays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. No experience needed.
- **Senior Fit** Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 - 10 a.m. Hosted by Holy Cross Hospital at the Gym. Participants must register with Holy Cross. For information and registration, call Sara McKechnie at 301-754-7895.
- **Friday Night Open Gym** 7:30 - 10 p.m. Three courts open.

### **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](http://www.marylandwbc.org) or contact Senior Business Counselor Angie Duncanson at 301-383-1550, ext.104 or [angie@marylandwbc.org](mailto:angie@marylandwbc.org).

### **Keep the Lights On – Report Streetlight Outages**

The City is responsible for the maintenance of most streetlights in Bowie and uses a contractor to perform the repairs. 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 24-hour service request system on the City website ([www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org))
- Email Dawn Cullins at [dcullins@cityofbowie.org](mailto:dcullins@cityofbowie.org)
- Call 301-809-2336

No matter what 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.

It is our goal to have street light outages repaired within two business days of notification. 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 may take up to seven business days to complete, since it requires locating all the underground utilities in the area before digging can begin.

### City Hall Art Gallery Exhibit

The *Vision, Energy and Shape: Abstracts* exhibit runs through June 15, 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.

### Jobs

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

- **Facility Monitor** – Part time - Community Services (open until filled)
- **Park Aide** – Community Services (open until filled)
- **Communications Specialist II** – Police Department (open until filled)
- **Police Officer** – Entry level (open until filled)

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

### Green Tip of the Month

Did you know that the City publishes a Green Bowie e-newsletter every other month? It contains the latest information about Green Team initiatives, volunteer opportunities, and upcoming Green events. Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie](http://www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie) and sign up to receive valuable information about living a sustainable lifestyle.

## Events

**5/2 - 5/5 – *Les Miserables* at Bowie Playhouse** For ticket information, visit [www.storytellerstheaterarts.com](http://www.storytellerstheaterarts.com).

**5/4 – Trails Master Plan Workshop #2** at Kenhill Center 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. For more information, contact Joe Meinert at [jmeinert@cityofbowie.org](mailto:jmeinert@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3047.

**5/4 – Weed Warrior Workday** at Whitmarsh Park 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Please contact Ashleigh Armentrout to register. Open to 30 participants. You must register in advance. Information and registration: [aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044

**5/6 – City Council Meeting** at City Hall 8 p.m. FY 20 Budget, CIP and Constant Yield Tax Rate Public Hearing; Charter Amendment CAR-1-19; Ordinance O-3-19; and City Lobbyist Report. For information, contact the City Clerk at 301-809-3029 or email [ahernandez@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ahernandez@cityofbowie.org).

**5/8 – Pet Ownership Class** 6 - 8 p.m. at City Hall. Topics covered will include cost and care, training, County and City codes, low cost clinics, and a question and answer segment. For more information, contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002 or [ldowell@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ldowell@cityofbowie.org).

**5/13 – City Council Meeting** 8 p.m. at City Hall. Budget Worksession #5. For information, contact the City Clerk at 301-809-3029 or [ahernandez@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ahernandez@cityofbowie.org).

**5/14 – Fairy Tale Fun** 10 -11 a.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Stories, craft and refreshments for ages 2 - 5, with adult. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**5/15 – Senior Chorale Concert: “Tooned In – Disney and Beyond”** 4 p.m. at Bowie Senior Center. Tickets \$3. Must purchase tickets in advance at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**5/16 – Senior Chorale Concert: “Tooned In – Disney and Beyond”** 1 p.m. at Bowie Senior Center. Tickets \$3. Must purchase tickets in advance at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**5/17 – Bike to Work Day** 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. Pitstops at the City Gym and Old Town Bowie Fire Station.

**5/19 – Bowie Farmers’ Market Opens for Season** 8 a.m. to noon in the parking lot at Bowie High School.

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**5/20 – City Council Meeting** 8 p.m. at City Hall. Adoption of FY20 Budget and CIP.

**5/22 – Senior Chorale Concert: “Tooned In – Disney and Beyond”** 7:30 p.m. at Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets \$8. Must purchase tickets in advance at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**5/25 – Memorial Parade** begins at 11 a.m. at the Belair Annex and ends at the reviewing stand at the corner of Stonybrook Drive and Sage Lane.

**5/26 – Sunday Sunset Concert Season begins** at Allen Pond Park, 7 p.m.

**5/27 – Memorial Day Holiday.** City offices closed. No trash or recycling collection.

**5/29 – Information Fair: Wiser Together – Intergenerational Partnerships** 10 a.m. at the Senior Center. “*What We Had*” AARP movie and discussion. Open to the public. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**5/30 – Information Fair: Wiser Together – Intergenerational Partnerships** at the Senior Center. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Senior Services panel discussion; 5 - 7 p.m., Evening Information Vendor Fair. Open to the public! For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.



**5/31 – Information Fair: *Wiser Together – Intergenerational Partnerships*** 10 a.m. - 2p.m. at the Senior Center. Information Vendor Fair. Open to the public. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

### **Coming up in June...**

- **Bowiefest** – June 1, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- **Opening Reception for Levitt Exhibit at the Kenhill Center** – June 7, 7 p.m.
- **Pet Vaccination Clinic** – June 8, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- **Community Shredding Event** – June 22, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.