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Celebrate Bowie at Bowiefest on June 1

Celebrate Bowie at the 42nd annual Bowiefest on Saturday, **June 1** from **11 a.m. to 6 p.m.** at Allen Pond Park. Bowiefest is a long-standing tradition in the City that brings the best of Bowie's civic organizations, entertainers, and businesses to one place for one day. It features rides, performances, contests and a host of food and drink options throughout the park. There will be an arts and crafts area, sponsored by the Soroptimist International-Prince George's & Anne Arundel Counties and a business section sponsored by the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce. Bowiefest will feature three stages with a variety of entertainment. For information and the event schedule, visit www.cityofbowie.org/bowiefest or call 301-809-3078.

City Council Meetings to Note

- **June 3** Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Mixed Use Zoning Text Amendment - Mill Branch Crossing, Ordinance O-3-19, New Ice Arena Contract Award and Approval, Zoning Text Amendment - Freeway Airport (CB-17-2019)
- **June 17** Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Presentation, Bowie Golf Course Analysis Presentation

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

Proposed Changes Would Allow for More Housing

Public Hearings will take place at the **June 3** City Council Meeting on two proposed Zoning Text Amendments for undeveloped property at Mill Branch Crossing and at Freeway Airport. Final decisions will be made at the County level, but the City was asked to provide a recommendation on the type of development that will be permitted. The changes would allow for over 500 homes at Freeway Airport and permit townhouse & multi-family development in addition to the already permitted uses at Mill Branch Crossing.

Law Enforcement Torch Run June 6

Join the Bowie Police Department on **June 6** at 9 a.m. at the 5K starting line and help advance the mission of the Law Enforcement Torch Run to foster inclusion of all athletes while supporting Special Olympics Maryland. Register online at www.cityofbowie.org/torchrun, in person at the Bowie Police Department (15901 Excalibur Road), or on-site the day of the event; registration is \$15. The starting line is located at Bowie Plaza (6908 Laurel Bowie Road). On-site registration opens at 8 a.m. The 5K run starts at 9 a.m. and ends at the Chick-Fil-A parking lot at Bowie Marketplace (15505 Annapolis Road). For more information, contact the Bowie Police Department at 240-544-5700.

"Belair at Bowie" Opening and Reception June 7

Join us at Kenhill Center on Friday, **June 7** at 7 p.m. for the opening reception of the "Belair at Bowie" exhibit. Whether you are learning this homegrown story for the first time or want to walk down memory lane, this exhibit has something for you. Enjoy scrumptious desserts, a fun atmosphere and view Jeff Krulik's film, "Tales of Belair and Bowie". Be sure to stop by the Oral History Booth to record a video comment or memory about Levitt Bowie while you're there. Experience this exhibit the way it is supposed to be -- with your family, friends and the Bowie community!

Green Bowie

Weed Warrior Workday June 8, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Belair Meadows. Join members of the Green Team to remove English ivy from trees along Belair Drive. 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.

Wellness Walks June 8, 10 a.m. at Allen Pond. Join members of the Green Team for a walk around the trail at Allen Pond. Meet new people, get exercise and discuss interesting topics. Bring the family, the dog, or just yourself! Information: aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044.

Annual Certified Habitat Tour On **June 8**, join the Bowie Gardens 4 Wildlife team for the annual Habitat Tour. This year's self-guided tour includes the Monarch Waystations at Belair Meadows, as well as All Saints Lutheran Church and four homes. Learn first-hand how the owners and volunteers who work at these sites provide food, water, shelter, and cover to improve the environment for wildlife. For a map of this year's tour and to find out when these National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitats are open to visitors, contact Tiffany Wright at twright@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3043.

Melford Apartment Site Plan Meetings

Detailed Site Plans have been submitted for the next phases of multi-family apartment development at Melford Village. Two site plans are proposed: one for up to 436 multi-family apartments in nine buildings (in a project called Melford Mansions) and one for infrastructure related to a 472-unit building (similar to the previously reviewed Aspen product). A Bowie Advisory Planning Board public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, **June 11** at 7 p.m. and a City Council public hearing is scheduled for **July 1** at 8 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the Council Chambers. For more information, please contact the Planning Department at jmeinert@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3047.

Belair Drive Traffic Calming Stakeholders Open House

Over the next couple of weeks, traffic calming measures will be added to the segment of Belair Drive from MD 3 to Kenhill Drive. They include speed cushions, raised crosswalks, and two stop signs (at Kenhill and at Stonybrook). The second phase of the project will include safety improvements for Belair Drive from Kenhill to Annapolis Road. Residents are invited to a Stakeholders Open House at Kenhill Center on Tuesday, **June 18** from 7 to 9 p.m. to review preliminary plans for Phase 2 improvements and provide input on the project. For more information, please contact Project Manager Mike Schramm at mschramm@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-2341.

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.



Mosquito Control Program

The Maryland Department of Agriculture provides mosquito control services to the Bowie area. The mosquito control program began with larviciding in March and will continue into September. Each neighborhood has been scheduled for adult mosquito surveillance and possible spraying (for schedule, see www.cityofbowie.org/mosquitoes). A resident wishing to exclude their property from spraying must submit a request to the Maryland Department of Agriculture Mosquito Control Office, 301-422-5080 or www.mda.state.md.us. Information: Bowie Public Works, 301-809-2336 or dcullins@cityofbowie.org.

Imagine an Hour that Impacts a Lifetime

Volunteers are needed for the City of Bowie's Teen Mentoring Program. When you volunteer to mentor a Bowie High School student, you will spend one hour a week building a positive relationship that has the potential to change the course of a teen's high school experience, their life, and your community! For more information, contact Program Coordinator Tia Younger at 301-809-3033 or mentor@cityofbowie.org.

Gypsy, A Musical Fable 5/31- 6/29 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: 301-832-4819 or www.2ndstarproductions.com

Abstracts City Hall Art Gallery exhibit illustrating vision, energy and shape. Show runs through June 14. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours).

Figuratively Speaking City Hall Art Gallery exhibit illustrating the beauty of the human form. Show runs June 17 - September 13. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours). Information: nnorris@cityofbowie.org or 240-544-5601.

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

BELAIR AT BOWIE 6/7, 7 p.m. Kenhill Center Opening reception for permanent exhibit. Free

FAIRY TALE FUN 6/11, 10 - 11 a.m. Belair Mansion Stories, craft and refreshments for ages 2 - 8, with adult. Free

BLACK JOCKEYS: AMERICA'S FIRST SPORTS SUPERSTARS 6/8, 1 p.m. Belair Mansion Learn from author Katherine Mooney, the role African American jockeys played in the success of Thoroughbred horse racing as the sport's first superstars. Free

ADULTS 55+

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

CONTAINER GARDEN WORKSHOP 6/6, 10 a.m. Make your own herb garden. Space limited. Preregistration required.

SAGE CLASSES Summer session starts 6/10. Register now.

ARMCHAIR TOUR: SOUTH-WEST ASIA 6/26, 12:30 p.m.

SUMMER CELEBRATION 6/28, 12:30 p.m. DJ music and ice cream. Fee and preregistration required.

SIGN UP FOR TRIPS:
7/12, Chesapeake Cravings Tour
7/16, Ocean Downs or OC Inlet
7/25, Harriet Tubman Cruise
8/28, Nats vs. Orioles
9/4, Dear Evan Hansen at Kennedy Center
Contact Judy Lorenz at 301-809-2327.

Paper Shredding and Styrofoam Recycling Event

6/22, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Bowie High School Parking Lot Residents may provide up to five tall kitchen bags or five archive boxes of paper for shredding. Watch as documents are shredded. Styrofoam must be free of any debris (glue or tape). Information: Carissa Sullivan, 301-809-2339 or csullivan@cityofbowie.org

Sunday Sunset Concerts

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

Farmers' Market

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, mcorley@cityofbowie.org or visit www.cityofbowie.org/farmersmarket.

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