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Bowie Kicks Off Summer with Three Memorial Day Weekend Events

Memorial Day weekend is the unofficial start to summer. It also kicks off Bowie's summer of activities. The weekend begins with the annual Memorial Day Parade, commemorating members of the Armed Forces, past and present. The parade also features several bands, dance troupes, local community groups and lots of flags. On Sunday, the Summer Sunset Concert series begins with a performance by the U.S. Navy Band Commodores. Finally, on Memorial Day, there will be a ceremony at Veterans Park to honor those gave their lives in service to their country.

The Bowie Parade is held rain or shine, and begins at the Bowie High School Annex on Belair Drive. Units march down Belair Drive, turn right on Sussex Lane, then right again on Stonybrook Drive, and march past Acorn Hill Park where the reviewing stands are located.

Food and drink concessions will be available at Acorn Hill Park for the convenience of those watching the parade. Portable restrooms will be located in Acorn Hill Park and on Sussex Lane. The following streets will be blocked during the parade: Belair Drive from the Bowie High School Annex to Route 450; Sussex Lane; Stonybrook Drive from Sussex Lane to Sage Lane; and Sage Lane.

The first Sunday concert of the season will feature the U.S. Navy Band Commodores. It begins at 7 p.m. on May 26 at the Robert V. Setera Amphitheater in Allen Pond Park. Residents are invited to bring their picnic meals, and lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Concerts are held every Sunday from 7 to 8 p.m. through Labor Day weekend and are canceled in the case of inclement weather.

Finally, on Monday, May 27, at 11 a.m., local veterans groups will host a short solemn Memorial Day ceremony at Veterans' Park in Old Town Bowie (12700 9th Street).

For more information about the parade or the concerts, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator for the City of Bowie at 301-809-3078 or email mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Parade information: www.cityofbowie.org/parade.

Summer concert schedule: www.cityofbowie.org/concerts.