

Bowie News Flash

July 2019

News

Bowie Hosts an Early Independence Day Celebration on July 2

The City of Bowie will host a free concert and fireworks display to celebrate Independence Day on **Tuesday, July 2 at Prince George's Stadium**. The concert, with legendary band The Fabulous Hubcaps, begins at **7:30 p.m.** and the fireworks will shoot off at around **9:15 p.m.**

The Fabulous Hubcaps have been together for over 40 years. They play cover music from many famous singers and bands of yesteryear. Attendees can expect songs by Tom Jones, Billy Joel, The Drifters, Benny Goodman, Cher, The Platters, Elvis, Buddy Holly, Tina Turner, Frank Sinatra, Little Richard, the Beach Boys and more!

Prince George's Stadium is located at 4101 Crain Highway in Bowie. The parking lot opens at 5 p.m. and doors open at 6 p.m. Food and drink will be available for purchase at the stadium. For more information, please call the City's Special Events Division at **301-809-3078** or visit www.cityofbowie.org/fireworks.

City Council Meetings to Note

- **July 1** Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Detailed Site Plan for Melford Mansions, Detailed Site Plan for Infrastructure – Melford Apartments (Eastern Wrap Building), the Bowie BIC – Bowie's Business Incubator, Bowie Green Team Proposed Action Plan, and New Ice Arena Project Discussion
- **July 8** Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Art in Public Places, Indoor Court Facility Discussion

Independence Day Holiday – Thursday, July 4

Thursday, July 4 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.

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. To view the list of candidates to date, visit www.cityofbowie.org/elections.

Bowie Ice Arena Re-opens for Summer Skating July 6

Bowie Ice Arena will re-open for summer skating on July 6. Register now for summer camps and learn-to-skate classes that begin in July. Half-day camps are open for children of all levels from 3 - 6 years of age and full-day camps are available for all levels ages 6 years and older. Don't miss free "Skating in the Shade" events. For dates and information, visit www.cityofbowie.org/icearena.

Bowie Ice Arena Discussion at July 1 Council Meeting

The future of the Bowie Ice Arena is on the agenda for the July 1 City Council meeting. Council will revisit its June 3 decision to place the project on the ballot in November. Options for privatizing the facility will also be discussed.

Register Now for Summer Basketball Camp!

The City Gym will host a summer basketball camp **July 15 - 19**, 9 a.m. - 4p.m., for boys and girls ages 8 - 14. **Sign up now!** 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.

What's Bouncing at the City Gym?

- Morning Walking - 7:30 - 9 a.m.
- Basketball Open Gym - Weekdays, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Coed Recreational Volleyball - Fridays, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- Pickleball - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Senior Fit - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 - 10 a.m. at Kenhill Center, for the summer. (Senior Fit will return to the Gym September 9.)

For information about these programs call 301-809-2388.

Looking for Indoor Court Time This Fall?

The City is preparing to allocate indoor court time for the fall sports season. Allocation applications are accepted July 1 to August 20. For more information, please call 301-809-2388 or visit www.cityofbowie.org/gym.

Whitemarsh Park Improvements Opening This Fall

Whitemarsh Park will soon have new restroom and concession facilities, as well as a new state of the art custom designed, aged 2-12 "themed" play area with an adjacent pedestrian plaza. This project also incorporates modern vegetated bio-retention areas to hold and treat storm water runoff. Construction began in the fall of 2018 and the City anticipates completion in early fall 2019. Stay tuned for a ribbon cutting and grand opening event! For more information visit www.cityofbowie.org.

Community Outreach Grants Available

The City of Bowie offers grants for projects or programs in areas such as social service, youth, senior citizens, and/or mental health issues that offer assistance to or address the needs of Bowie residents. The maximum amount awarded for any grant is \$5,000. Although applicants need not be City of Bowie residents, the program for which they are seeking funds must directly benefit City residents. Submit your grant application now.

The application deadline is **July 31 at 5 p.m.** For more information, please contact Neil Norris at nnorris@cityofbowie.org or 240-544-5601.

Reporting a Code Compliance Concern

If you have a code compliance concern in your neighborhood, there are several ways to report it to the City of Bowie:

- Call the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008
- Email the Code Compliance Office at dmichelle@cityofbowie.org
- Visit www.cityofbowie.org/servicerequest or select the *My BowieMD Service Request* link at the top right corner of the home page

Rain Barrels Across Bowie

Do you live in Bowie and have a rain barrel? We'd like to know! The City's Planning Department keeps track of the number of rain barrels installed by residents to estimate stormwater reductions for its stormwater permit. If you haven't "registered" your rain barrel, please contact Watershed Manager Tiffany Wright at 301-809-3043 or twright@cityofbowie.org with your address and how many gallons your rain barrel holds.

Lawn Mower Rebate

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. If the receipt does not specify that the mower is one of these three types, please also bring a manual or other documentation for the mower. Rebates are limited to one per household. For more information call 301-809-3020 or visit www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie.

\$20 Compost Bins Available at City Hall

Purchase a \$20 compost bin at City Hall and start composting. City residents may purchase up to two bins per household. Payment can be made by cash or check at the Finance window during the City's business hours (Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and by check only at the reception desk during City Hall's night and Saturday hours (Monday thru Thursday until 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon). Learn more about compost bins at www.cityofbowie.org/compost.

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. For more information, contact Bowie Public Works at 301-809-2336 or dcullins@cityofbowie.org.

Don't Leave a Pet Alone in a Parked Car

It doesn't take long for the temperature inside a vehicle to rise and become hazardous to your pet. Even on cloudy days or when temperatures are in the 70s, the heat inside a parked vehicle can be deadly. Lowering a window is not a solution. Leave your pet at home instead.

Signs of heat distress include heavy panting, glazed over eyes, rapid pulse, vomiting, or a deep red or purple colored tongue. If you see an animal in a hot car exhibiting these signs, call Bowie Animal Control or 911. You may also report the vehicle's tag number to the nearest store or business and request an emergency announcement be made. For more information, please contact Bowie Animal Control at **301-809-3002** or visit www.CityofBowie.org/AnimalControl.

Bowie Youth & Family Services

Bowie Youth & Family Services offers counseling for all families in the City who have children in the home who are high school age or younger. Other services include outreach activities and a mentoring program for students at Bowie High School. Our staff members are licensed clinicians who each hold a graduate degree in a mental health specialty and who have years of training and experience in treating children, teens, and their families.

We are accepting registration for four groups this fall:

- **Calm Confident Kids** Helps school-aged children develop strategies for managing worries.
- **Active Parenting** Open to parents with school-aged children or teens.
- **Girls Count** After-school program for girls in grades 9 - 12.
- **ADHD** For children ages 7 - 11 with Attention Deficit Disorder and their parents.

For more information, please call 301-809-3033.

Need Extra Help This Summer?

Bowie Youth & Family Services sponsors a Teen Job Bank that connects residents who need help with 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 that can help with lawn mowing, babysitting, tutoring, shopping, or other chores. You and the teen determine the particulars of the job and the fees per hour. To hire a teen or sign up to work, complete the appropriate application found at www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms or call 301-809-3033.

Teen Mentoring Program Needs Volunteers

Imagine an hour that impacts a lifetime. 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.

Maryland Procurement Technical Assistance Center (MD PTAC)

MD PTAC's role is to help Maryland businesses prepare for, and engage in, the procurement processes of federal, state, and local government agencies. A business is eligible to receive free counseling services from MD PTAC, provided that it has a product or service that has a reasonable expectation of being procured under a government contract.

MD PTAC staff are in Bowie on Tuesdays to assist businesses with government contracting. The program is funded in part by the Defense Logistics Agency's Office of Small Business Programs, the Maryland Department of Commerce, the University of Maryland, the City of Bowie, Harford County, and other local partners. For more information about this free service for businesses, visit www.mdptac.org or call 301-403-2740.

Farmers' Market

Mark your calendar for the Market "Community Day" on **July 7!** And join us for the Bowie Farmers' Market each **Sunday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.** through October 27. Market vendors 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. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org. Be sure to visit the Bowie Farmers' Market page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BowieFarmersMarket.

Sunday Sunset Concerts

Concerts are every Sunday through September 1, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For information, email mcorley@cityofbowie.org, call 301-809-3078, or visit www.cityofbowie.org/concerts.

***Figuratively Speaking* Exhibit Open at City Hall**

The City Hall Art Gallery exhibit runs through September 14. It is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are the same as City Hall hours: Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Jobs

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

- **Permits/Stormwater Management Inspection Specialist** – Public Works (closes July 5, 2019)
- **Utility Service Worker** – Public Works (closes July 5, 2019)
- **Temporary Laborer** – Parks and Grounds (closes July 5, 2019)
- **Police Officers** – Entry level & Lateral (open until filled)
- **Communications Specialist II** – Police Department (open until filled)
- **Solid Waste Collector** – Public Works (open until filled)

For more information, visit www.cityofbowie.org/jobs.

Senior Trips

Did you know that each month the Senior Center offers a variety of fun and entertaining trips to places throughout the region? Upcoming trips include The Newseum, a Nationals vs. Orioles baseball game, Evan Hansen at the Kennedy Center, and the Law Enforcement Museum in DC. See the calendar of upcoming senior trips at www.cityofboiwe.org/seniortrips or call 301-809-2327 for more information.

Looking for a safe location for your next online/app purchase exchange?

We are pleased to announce that Bowie Police Department is now listed as a "transaction safe place." If you are buying or selling online, utilize our department's parking lot as a place to exchange items.

Please note that while our station is operational 24/7, we encourage residents to consider daytime hours for transactions in the parking lot. No Officers or PD personnel will be present for any exchange. You must arrange your own meet up times and conditions for your meetup.

Here are some more tips to ensure your experience with an online exchange/buy/sell app does not turn out poorly:

- Never use your own home as a meeting location
- Arrange meets during daylight hours
- Never go to meeting locations alone
- Insist on using cash instead of personal checks
- Be wary of anyone who refuses to meet at a public location, especially a police station!

Events

7/1 City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall. Detailed Site Plan for Melford Mansions, Detailed Site Plan for Infrastructure - Melford Apartments (Eastern Wrap Building), The Bowie BIC - Bowie's Incubator, Bowie Green Team Proposed Action Plan, Revisit Ice Arena Project Discussion

7/2 Magic Show: Bowie Senior Magic Club 6 p.m. at the Senior Center. All ages welcome! For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

7/2 Bowie Independence Day Celebration 7:30 p.m. at Prince George's Stadium. The City will host a free concert and fireworks display to celebrate Independence Day. The concert, by legendary band The Fabulous Hubcaps, begins at **7:30 p.m.** and the fireworks are expected to shoot off at around **9:15 p.m.** The stadium is located near BJs, off of Ball Park Road. For more information, call the City's Special Events Division at **301-809-3078**.

7/3 White House Independence Day Memories 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

7/4 Independence Day Thursday, July 4 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.

7/6 Reopening Day at the Bowie Ice Arena. The Ice Arena reopens after a 2-month hiatus. To celebrate this, skating is free between noon and 3 p.m. Come learn about the programs and offerings at the rink. Bowie Hockey and Bowie Figure Skaters will be on site to assist beginners and provide information on their programs too. Don't forget long pants, socks and a sweatshirt. All ages and levels welcome! For more information, please contact the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090 or www.cityofbowie.org/icearena.

7/7 Community Day at the Bowie Farmers' Market 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road). The Bowie Police Department, Code Compliance staff, and Animal Control Officers will be on hand to answer your questions. Don't miss out on the free snow cones! For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org or visit www.cityofbowie.org/farmersmarket.

7/7 Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *The Electric Company (80s music)* 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. These concerts offer relaxing entertainment for the entire family. All concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For information: www.cityofbowie.org/concerts, mcorley@cityofbowie.org, or 301-809-3078.

7/8 City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall. Agenda topics include: Art in Public Places and Indoor Court Facility Discussion.

7/8 Public Hearing on the Update to Impediments to Fair Housing 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development and the City of Bowie are updating the joint Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice, originally prepared and submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in 2012.

The purpose of the public meeting is to give citizens the opportunity to address and comment on the County and City of Bowie's progress since 2012 in expanding housing choice for members of the protected classes. The public is encouraged to attend and participate in this discussion.

7/9 FairyTale Fun 10 - 11 a.m. at Belair Mansion. Stories, craft, and a snack for children ages 2 - 5, with an adult. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

7/10 – Skate in the Shade Day 12 - 1:30 p.m. at the Bowie Ice Arena. Get out of the sun and protect your skin. Enjoy some free skating fun for all ages and levels. Don't forget

your long pants and socks. Groups are asked to please call in advance. For more information, please contact the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090 or www.cityofbowie.org/icearena.

7/12 - 7/28 – *Absolutely Dead* at Bowie Playhouse For tickets and information, visit www.bctheatre.com or call 301-805-0219.

7/14 Bowie Farmers' Market 8 a.m.- 12 p.m. in the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road). The market operates every Sunday through October 27. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org or visit www.cityofbowie.org/farmersmarket.

7/14 Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *The Winstons (Motown)* 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. All concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For information: www.cityofbowie.org/concerts, mcorley@cityofbowie.org, or 301-809-3078.

7/15 Facebook Basics: Setting Up an Account 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Pre-registration required. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

7/17 Summer Picnic at the Senior Center 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. Pre-register at the front desk by July 8. \$6 for City residents and \$7 for nonresidents. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

7/20 Wonderful World of Herbs 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Drop by and ask questions of the herbal expert. Each month a different aspect of growing and working with herbs will be addressed. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

7/21 Bowie Farmers' Market 8 a.m.- 12 p.m. in the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road). The market operates every Sunday through October 27. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org or visit www.cityofbowie.org/farmersmarket.

7/21 Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *US Army Blues (Jazz)* 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. All concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For information: www.cityofbowie.org/concerts, mcorley@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3078.

7/23 Skate in the Shade Day 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. at the Bowie Ice Arena. Get out of the sun and protect your skin. Enjoy some free skating fun for all ages and levels. Don't forget your long pants and socks. Groups are asked to please call in advance. For more information, please contact the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090 or www.cityofbowie.org/icearena.

7/23 Violin Performance by Alexander Strachan 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. All ages welcome! For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

7/25 Skate in the Shade Day 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. at the Bowie Ice Arena. Get out of the sun and protect your skin. Enjoy some free skating fun for all ages and levels. Don't forget your long pants and socks. Groups are asked to please call in advance. For more information, please contact the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090 or www.cityofbowie.org/icearena.

7/27 SuperPig Puppet Show 1 - 2 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Blue Sky Puppet Theater tells the story of SuperPig and his efforts to fight bullying! Ages 5 - 10, with adult. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

7/28 Bowie Farmers' Market 8 a.m.- 12 p.m. in the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road). The market operates every Sunday through October 27. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org or visit www.cityofbowie.org/farmersmarket.

7/28 Sunday Sunset Concert Series – Annapolis Bluegrass (Country/Bluegrass) 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. All concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For information: www.cityofbowie.org/concerts, mcorley@cityofbowie.org, or 301-809-3078.

7/31 – Community Outreach Grants Application Deadline. Contact Neil Norris at nnorris@cityofbowie.org or 240-544-5601 for more information or visit www.cityofbowie.org/coc.