

# Bowie Spotlight

The Official Newsletter of the City of Bowie

September - October 2012

## Belair Mansion Commemorates the Civil War Home Front

No rockets boomed overhead, no cannon rattled the windows of Belair or nearby plantations – but the effects of the Civil War reverberated throughout the entire area. Parents feared for safety of sons on distant battlefields, wives worried about husbands, children lost brothers and fathers, everyone felt the effect of shortages and deprivations caused by the conflict. Maryland families were torn by opposing views – sometimes sending family members off to both sides of the conflict. Soldiers far from home were homesick, body sick and often wounded.

In the North, the Federal Sanitary Commission was created to support sick and wounded soldiers from the U.S. Army. Throughout the South, many communities formed Soldiers' Aid Societies to assist Confederate troops. Each organization shared the same goal: to offer support to "boys from home." Citizens of the North hosted "Sanitary Fairs;" those in the South held "Soldiers' Aid Fairs." Goods were sold, bandages rolled, foods consumed, stockings were knitted, uniforms were made. Produce and profits from the Fairs eased the lives of soldiers on both sides.

Belair Mansion again commemorates Civil War history. We are very happy to welcome the Atlantic Guard Soldiers' Aid Society back to Belair to hold a Soldiers' Aid Fair on Saturday, **September 29**, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mansion. On Sunday, **September 30**, at 3 p.m., two Maryland residents from the Civil War era will offer a look at two different perspectives on the War – the experience of free black soldiers and the upheaval of a family divided in their sympathies. These "residents of the past" will come to life at the Mansion through a program sponsored by the Maryland Humanities Council and the Maryland Historical Society.

Step back 150 years to a pivotal moment in our nation's history on **September 29 and 30** at Belair. The Mansion is located at 12207 Tulip Grove Drive in Bowie. Both programs are free; no reservations required. For further information, please call 301-809-3089 or email [museums@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museums@cityofbowie.org).

## Salute to America Concert

The City's Sunday Sunset Concert Series at the Robert V. Setera Amphitheater in Allen Pond Park will conclude with a very special concert on **Sunday, September 9, 2012** from 7 – 8 p.m. The Salute to America Concert will feature the United States Naval Academy Band. We will honor and salute members of the Armed Forces both past and present.

Bring your flags, candles, friends and family to the Park for this patriotic evening. All attendees are encouraged to dress in red, white and blue, or wear military attire if appropriate.

For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at [mcorley@cityof-bowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityof-bowie.org) or 301-809-3078.

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## Beautification Awards

It's official! All of this year's entered yards have been judged, scores have been tallied, and the winners are...

Well, you'll just have to attend the City's Beautification Awards ceremony on **Thursday, September 27, 2012** at City Hall where the results will be revealed! A slide presentation and refreshments will begin at 7 p.m. and the awards presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The City thanks all of the participants who beautified their yards this year and who chose to enter this wonderful Citywide program. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityof-bowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityof-bowie.org).

## City Board and Committee Vacancies

Volunteers are needed for several City Boards and Committees: Board of Personnel Appeals, Administrative Review Board, Heritage Committee, Arts Committee, Education Committee, Community Outreach Committee, Financial Advisory Committee, Information Technology Committee, Economic Development Committee, Environmental Advisory Committee, Diversity Committee and Ethics Commission.

Information on the role of each committee and how to apply for membership can be found on the City's website - [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) or by contacting the City Clerk at 301-809-3029 or [ahernandez@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ahernandez@cityofbowie.org).

## Attention Homeowners Associations

The City maintains a list of contact information for local homeowners associations on the City's website. The list is used to share important information with your community about planned developments, transportation improvements, and other issues. Help us keep the list current by notifying the Planning Department when your officers and management companies change. Please visit the City's website at [www.cityof-bowie.org](http://www.cityof-bowie.org) to see if your community information is correct. Any corrections or updates to the information should be provided to Marianne Baird at [mbaird@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mbaird@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3047.

## Sunday Sunset Concert Rescheduled

The July 1, 2012 Sunday Concert sponsored by the City and the Prince Georges Arts & Humanities Council has been rescheduled for Friday, **September 14, 2012**, 6:30 - 9 p.m. So come out to Allen Pond Park for an evening of music and enjoy *Harold Melvin's Blue Notes* and *The Winstons*.

## Bowie International Festival - October 6, 2012

Entertainers, artists, crafters, food, and children's activities will overflow at Allen Pond Park for the Annual Bowie International Festival on Saturday, **October 6, 2012** from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Experiences at this Festival will take you "Around the World in Just One Day."

Enjoy entertainment on two stages; food from the far reaches of Asia to right here in our own backyard; children's activities such as stories, dance, sports and games from around the world; and vendors of crafts, clothing, jewelry and many other offerings, representative of a variety of countries and cultures.

The festival will include something of interest for everyone. Music from Ireland, Africa, Germany, and Jamaica will fill the air. Dance groups representing the cultures of India, Bolivia, Turkey, Russia, Ukraine, and Native America will perform throughout the day. Didgeridoo from Australia will perform on stage and sponsor a children's activity.

Children may pick up a passport at any children's activity booth or the event information booth and participate in various activities, accumulating stamps at each booth. Activities include dance, music, story time, and crafts from around the world. At the end of the "trip" children receive an international prize.

The International Festival Planning Committee is seeking sponsors to help cover the cost of children's activities and entertainment at the Festival. If you own, manage or work for a local business that would like to be a sponsor, please contact the City at the email or phone number below. Sponsors will be included in advance publicity and posted at this fun, entertaining event. Join us for a day of celebration and exploration.

For further information, check the City's webpage - [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) - or contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

### Support the Food Pantry at the International Festival

The Community Outreach Committee and the Bowie Food Pantry will be at the International Festival on October 6th looking for donations to feed the hungry. Please bring a nonperishable item to donate as you enjoy a fun-filled day traveling around the world right here in Bowie. For more information, please contact the Pantry at [BowieFoodPantry@gmail.com](mailto:BowieFoodPantry@gmail.com) or 301-262-6765.

**Thanks** to all who have contributed food and/or money throughout the year to support this worthy cause!

## What's Bouncing at the City Gym

### Morning Walking Program

**Monday-Friday, 8:30 - 10 a.m.**

The program will return to regular fall and winter hours Monday, **September 10, 2012**. Circle the facility eleven times and you have walked a mile! A great alternative to heat, cold, rain and snow!

### Women's Recreational Volleyball

**Fridays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. –**

Beginning September 14, enjoy an opportunity to get some exercise and meet new friends! No experience needed.

### 12 and Under Nights

**Mondays, 6 - 9 p.m. and**

**Fridays, 6 - 9:45 p.m. –**

Beginning September 17, the Gym will reserve a court strictly for those ages 12 and under every Monday and Friday evening through the Fall season. Normal membership rules apply.

### New Fall Program

**"Lil Hoopers" Basketball**

**Skills Class - Saturdays,**

**September 22 - October 27, 8:30 -**

**9:45 a.m. For boys and girls ages**

**4 - 8 years. Participants will**

**receive a T-shirt and snacks.**

Awards will be presented at conclusion of program. Cost is \$65.

Registration is first come, first

served and is limited to 25 children.

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*For more information about any of these programs, please contact the Gym at 301-809-2388.*

## Art Notes

**Arts Grants** Applications for the City's Arts Committee Grants are due Friday, **September 28, 2012**. The arts grants support arts projects that involve community residents in an arts experience. The Committee is seeking individuals and/or groups who will offer opportunities for Bowie residents. The Committee is especially interested in activities for youth, but all applications will be considered. Use your imagination and creativity to develop a meaningful experience in an art form for young people. Applications may be found on the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

**Urban Landscapes Fall Art Gallery Theme** The Bowie Arts Committee will sponsor **City Lights**, an exhibit of artwork featuring urban landscapes. All art pieces submitted for jurying on **Saturday, September 29, 2012**, must reflect the urbanized city and what it means to the artist, such as highways, all size buildings, neon lights, and other images that reflect a modern city.

Any artist, 18 years of age and over, who resides in Maryland may submit up to two pieces to be juried. Original art, photography and small sculpture will all be considered. Application forms for the jurying as well as information on submitting artwork can be found on the City's webpage, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org), under Arts in Bowie.

*For more information, contact Arts Specialist Annette Esterheld at [aesterheld@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityofbowie.org) or 301-575-5601.*

## Education Forum

Every year the City's Education Committee holds an Education Forum in the fall of the school year. The forums bring the leadership, often the Superintendent of Schools, to Bowie to talk about education in the Prince George's County Public School (PGCPS) system particularly in Bowie schools.

Currently, PGCPS is charged with the task of replacing Superintendent William R. Hite, Jr., who has given his notice that he is leaving Prince George's County this fall for a new position with the Philadelphia Public School System. This being the case, the PGCPS Board wants to seek input from the community for the superintendent search process.

The City's forum will be a timely one for Bowie parents, teachers, and residents to hear more about the process and hopefully give input on the superintendent search.

The Education Committee is working with the school board to set a date for its forum sometime in October. Please check the City's website at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) for the date and additional information on this important Education Forum.

## Education Grants Available

Each year the City of Bowie provides education grants that are used to fund projects that provide learning experiences and educational enrichment to students within eligible Bowie schools. The grants are administered through the City's Education Committee. The deadline for applications for the 2012-13 grants is **Friday, October 19, 2012**. Applications may be submitted by teachers, PTAs, PTOs, and individuals.

Eligibility requirements and applications were sent to schools in August and are also available on the City's website at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org). For additional information, contact the City's Education Committee staff liaison Annette Esterheld at [aesterheld@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityofbowie.org) or 301-575-5601.

## Bowie Ice Arena



### Group Lessons

**Back to School Lessons** will be held in September. This is a four-week mini-series of group lessons for all ages and levels.

**Series 1 Learn-to-Skate Group Lessons** will begin in October. Classes are offered for children as young as 18 months of age through adults – all levels! Special beginner discounts and family discounts are available. Classes meet on Thursday afternoons and Friday and Saturday mornings. For a detailed list of class offerings please visit us online at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) or call the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090.

**Halloween On Ice Party** will be held on Saturday, **October 27** from 1-3 p.m. Wear a costume or bring a canned good for free admission. There will be music, games, skating, a costume contest and treat bags for all in costume, 13 years and under.

For information on public skating, pickup figure skating, stick and puck hockey, pickup hockey, birthday parties, frequent skater cards, group rates and family discounts, please call the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090 or visit us online at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

**\$5 Off Group Lesson Registration**

**Bowie Ice Arena**

Not valid with any other discount.

Coupon Expires October 31, 2012

**2 for 1 Admission**

Skate Rental Fee is \$3/person.

**Bowie Ice Arena**

Not valid during DJ session.

Coupon expires October 31, 2012

## Join the Stream Team Cleanup!

The City will hold a Stream Team Cleanup on **Saturday, October 13, 2012** from 9 a.m. to noon. Bowie Stream Teams are made up of adults, students, school/church/scout groups and others who want to pick up trash and debris in and along some of the City's streams in an effort to improve water quality and minimize the amount of trash that flows through Bowie into the Patuxent River and down to the Chesapeake Bay. Over the last five years, Teams have cleaned streams from Saddlebrook (in the northern part of Bowie) all the way to Pointer Ridge (in the southern part of the City).

Cleanup days are a good time for Bowie residents to get out into the environment and experience nature while working to protect Bowie's important natural resources. As always, we will provide you with water and all supplies. You just need to have sturdy shoes or boots, long sleeves and a hat, and be willing to get in the stream corridors and clean!

Student Service Learning hours are available to Prince George's County students. To sign up or get more information, contact Tiffany Wright, the City's Watershed Manager, at [twright@cityofbowie.org](mailto:twright@cityofbowie.org) or at 301-809-3043. We look forward to seeing you in October!

*Stay up to date on Green Bowie news, events, articles and resources to help you Go Green! Sign up for the Green Bowie e-newsletter at [www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie](http://www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie).*



## Code Corner

September and October are excellent months to perform exterior maintenance to your home and yard. The hot days of summer are over; the children are back in school, and the cold winter months are approaching. Here are some suggestions that can help make your neighborhood more attractive and preserve the value of your property:

- Apply a fresh coat of paint to the exterior of your home.
- Power wash or clean the vinyl siding.
- Replace missing slats in the fence and strengthen the posts.
- Apply a new coat of driveway sealant.
- Clean your yard. Summer items you will no longer need should be stored in your house, shed or garage.

**Firewood Storage** Firewood is a good source of fuel to heat your home. To be optimally effective, firewood must be dried and stored properly. The Bowie City Code requires firewood be stored behind the front building line of your house. Do not place the firewood against your house as bugs and pests can easily transfer from the wood into your home. The logs are to be raised 18" inches above an unimproved ground surface or six inches (6") above a concrete, brick, block, wood or asphalt surface. The area beneath the racks must be kept clear and free of weeds. The wood must be cut to lengths for final use and the wood must be neatly and evenly stacked. Fallen tree limbs laying in the yard, rotting and deteriorating logs, and piles of branches and sticks are not considered firewood but yard waste and can be subject to a Code compliance notice of violation and fine if not removed. For more information, please contact the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 or [lransom@cityofbowie.org](mailto:lransom@cityofbowie.org).

## Pit Bulls

The Maryland Court of Appeals recently issued an opinion regarding pit bull dogs. This opinion came as a result of a recent incident involving a pit bull attack of a minor child in Anne Arundel County. The Court stated that pit bulls were considered to be inherently dangerous and an owner or custodian of such dog may be held strictly liable both criminally and civilly for their dog's actions. This information has created a lot of confusion as to whether or not pit bull dogs have become illegal to possess throughout the State. The answer is "no", but pit bulls are banned in the City of Bowie and Prince George's County.

Bowie Animal Control has received several questions from residents regarding this matter. Residents in Prince George's County should know that it is **illegal** to possess a pit bull or predominately pit bull breed dog in Prince George's County. This ordinance, adopted on February 3, 1997, remains in effect in Bowie and is strictly enforced by Bowie Animal Control. In fact, Bowie Animal Control has seen a recent increase in the number of pit bull complaints since the Court's decision. Although most of the dogs investigated are mixed type breed dogs resembling pit bulls and not a majority pit bull breed, residents are still encouraged to call in any possible pit bull sighting. Animal Control Officers will respond and do a breed assessment to determine whether the dog is prohibited or not.

Finally, we do take into consideration the sensitivity of the issue of breed specific legislation and the effect it can have, particularly for pit bull owners who move into the County unaware of such legislation. However, unless Prince George's County repeals the pit bull ban, we will continue to enforce the prohibition without exception. For more information, please contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002 or [tdodge@cityofbowie.org](mailto:tdodge@cityofbowie.org).

# Bowie Budget in Brief

*July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013*

Activity	Highlights of Adopted Budget
<b>Revenues and Other Changes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City real property tax rate remains unchanged at \$0.40 per \$100 of assessed value and business personal property tax rate remains unchanged at \$1.00 per \$100 of assessed value.</li> <li>• County tax rate increased by \$.001 due to the tax differential program.</li> <li>• State Highway User Revenue was decreased by \$221,700.</li> <li>• Federal Community Development Block Grant decreased by \$32,000.</li> </ul>
<b>Public Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hire two new officers, bringing the total number of sworn police officers to 57.</li> <li>• Purchase two new police vehicles and replace seven police vehicles (\$402,300).</li> <li>• Conduct Incident Command System training classes for 50 City supervisors and employees.</li> <li>• Continue support for Bowie Volunteer Fire Department (\$139,000), and \$35,100 for future replacement of fire apparatus.</li> </ul>
<b>General Government</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of Renewable Energy Technologies (i.e. photovoltaic, solar thermal, etc.) at City facilities (\$50,000).</li> </ul>
<b>Community Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roof replacement (\$269,300) at Senior Center.</li> <li>• Support for the Tall Oaks High School “Glad You’re Here Program” (\$1,000) and the Youth Services Bureau “Community Prevention Network” program (\$7,000).</li> </ul>
<b>Recreation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reserve one-half of the cost to replace the refrigeration system and dasher boards at the Ice Arena (\$368,800).</li> <li>• Replace driveway, windows and doors (\$325,400) at the Belair Mansion.</li> <li>• Replace bleachers (\$25,600) at Gymnasium.</li> <li>• Installation of remote lighting system at Allen Pond Park (\$20,900).</li> </ul>
<b>Planning and Economic Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$50,000 in continued support for business incubator.</li> <li>• Complete Adnell Woods and Ashleigh annexations.</li> <li>• Complete the Urban Greening study and adopt an Urban Tree Canopy goal.</li> </ul>
<b>Public Works</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1,500,000 for street resurfacing.</li> <li>• Enhancements to public stormwater management facilities (\$160,000).</li> <li>• Replacement of fuel pumps and operating software at Public Works (\$56,000).</li> <li>• HVAC replacement at Public Work’s Main Facility (\$12,000).</li> <li>• Road widening at Kenhill Drive and Route 197 (58,700).</li> </ul>
<b>Water and Sewer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water rate increased \$.31 and sewer rate increased \$.44 per thousand gallons.</li> <li>• Improvements to the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants total \$481,100 and funded by water and sewer revenues.</li> </ul>

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July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

## The Big Picture

For the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, City Council authorized \$53,118,900 in total spending from all funds. This number includes some amounts that are simply transferred from one fund to another. Governments use fund accounting to keep different types of revenue and expenditures separate from each other.

Excluding transfers, the total is \$49,287,500 compared to last year's total of \$53,090,500. The \$3.803 million decrease reflects a reduction in the cost of capital projects scheduled for FY 2013 as compared to the previous year.

assessed value and the business personal property tax rate remained at \$1.00 per \$100 of assessed value.

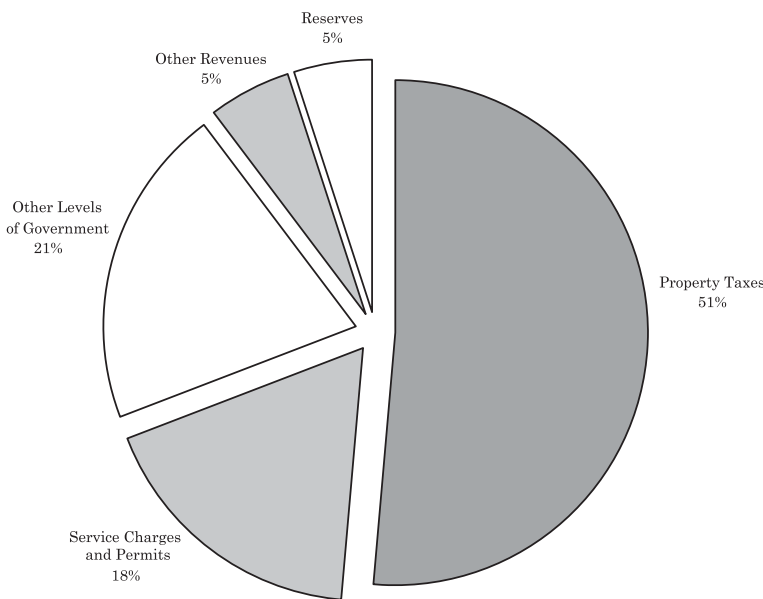
The majority of revenue from **Other Levels of Government** consists of the City's share of State income and motor vehicle taxes. It also includes State grants for youth services and police protection, federal grants for urban development, County rebate of part of the landfill fees paid by the City, and many other smaller amounts. It also includes capital grants such as the State Program Open Space allocation.

**Service Charges and Permits** include such items as building permits, park use fees, and ice arena revenues. However, the majority of this revenue refers to water and sewer charges. These charges are paid only by customers of the City of Bowie Water and Sewer System and are used only for costs of operating and maintaining that system. This year's water rates increased from \$3.10 to \$3.41 per thousand gallons, and the sewer surcharge increased from \$4.44 to \$4.88 per thousand gallons.

**Other Revenues** include interest earnings, rents, donations, sales of recyclable materials, the CATV franchise fee, and other miscellaneous items not classified elsewhere.

**Reserves** being used to provide funding for the current budget have accumulated over all years of the City's existence, when revenues have exceeded expenditures. In any year, a surplus can occur from unexpected windfall revenues; from a level of expenditures less than budgeted, such as when projects are canceled or delayed; or from funds that have been reserved for a special purpose.

## Where the Dollars Come From



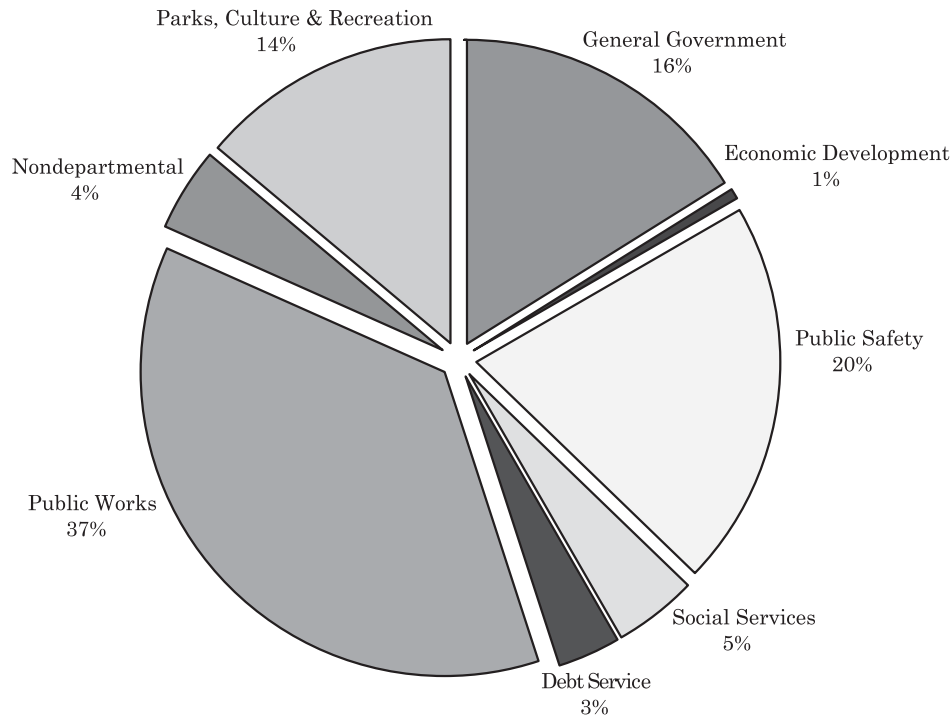
**Property Taxes** include both real property tax and business personal property tax. City Council sets the tax rates each year as part of the budget process, while the State Department of Assessments and Taxation determines the value of property to be taxed. This year's real property tax rate remained at \$.40 per \$100 of



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*July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013*

## Where the Dollars are Spent



**General Government** includes those functions that relate to the overall business of government: City Council, City Clerk, elections, legal services, public information, planning, etc. It includes administrative functions such as human resources, finance, information technology, maintenance and security of public buildings and grounds.

**Economic Development** involves efforts to improve the City's business climate. **Public Safety** includes police services, municipal code compliance, animal control, and support for the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department. **Social Services** include both the Senior Center and the Youth Services Bureau.

**Public Works** includes trash collection and disposal, street maintenance and snow removal, storm water control and maintenance of vehicles and mobile equipment for all City departments. It also includes the Water and Wastewater

Plants, which serve users of the City of Bowie Water and Sewer System, and are funded only by water and sewer service charges.

**Parks, Culture and Recreation** includes the City's parks, ball fields and recreational buildings such as the Ice Arena, Bowie Playhouse, and Gymnasium. It also includes coordination of City celebrations and special events, planning and scheduling of recreational offerings, restoration of historic buildings, operation of all City museums, as well as a contribution to support operations at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts.

The term "**Nondepartmental**" refers to those annual costs that benefit all other City functions. Such items as liability and property insurance and allowances for unexpected contingencies are budgeted under this description, rather than being allocated among the operating departments.

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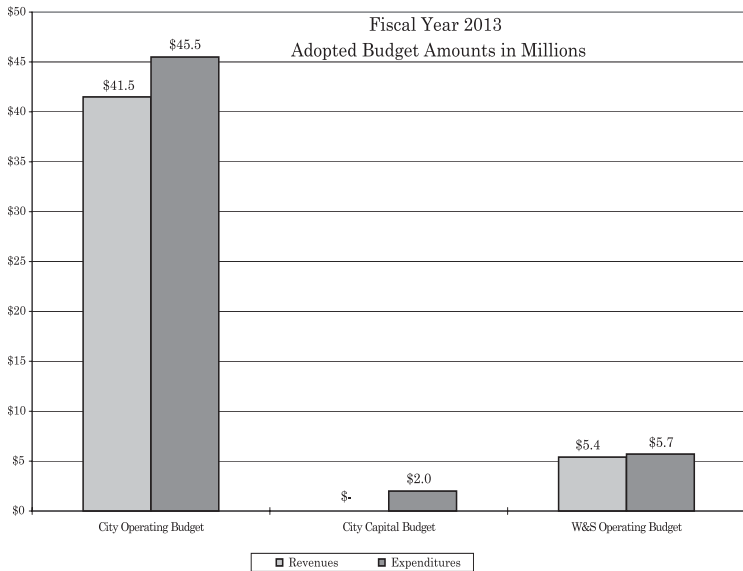
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## The Budget Process

During the period of January through mid-April 2012, the City Manager and staff prepared the FY2013 Proposed Budget, taking into account various master plans, Council policy statements, long-term studies, user group requests, volunteer committee recommendations, and staff observations in the field.

Council held five budget worksessions and two public hearings during April and May. The FY2013 Adopted Budget Ordinance and the companion Capital Improvements Program Resolution were passed on May 21, 2012. The budget is effective for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

## Operating Budget vs. Capital Budget



**Note:** Differences between expenditures and revenues are to be funded using reserves accumulated in prior years.

The Operating Budget covers day-to-day delivery of City services. It provides for the hours worked by City employees, contract services by non-employees, supplies, minor equipment and other operating costs. In the graph, it also includes the cost of vehicles, other operating equipment and annual debt service requirements.

The Capital Budget is for the improvement, construction or purchase of major City assets such as buildings, parks, roads or trails. The City uses a six-year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to prioritize and plan for these major projects. The current year's portion of the CIP amounts to \$1,979,900.

## Operating Budget Detail

**Staffing** - The approved budget provides for 355.3 full-time equivalent positions (FTEs). One FTE is equal to one or more employees working a total of 2,080 hours (or 1,950 hours, depending on the job classification) The work hours are budgeted in the General Fund (324.6 FTE) or the Water and Sewer Fund (30.7 FTE).

**Types of Expenditures** - The General Fund is the largest and most important fund, because it accounts for the delivery of basic municipal services and receives all general-purpose City revenues. General Fund budget expenditures are summarized here by object of expenditure.

Object	Amount	Percent
Salaries & Benefits	\$24,403,100	58%
Contractual Services	9,621,600	22%
Commodities	3,135,100	7%
Other Charges	987,100	2%
Capital Outlay	168,000	0%
Debt Service	1,306,100	3%
Transfers	<u>3,535,800</u>	<u>8%</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,156,800</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Budget Document

The City's detailed Budget is available online at the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

## Refuse and Recycling Tips From Public Works

**Yard Waste Recycling is Mandatory.** Yard waste is collected **only** on Wednesday. **It will not be picked up with regular trash.** Yard waste consists of leaves, grass clippings, branches less than three inches in diameter (**no bamboo, dirt, mulch, or sod**). Leaves and grass (free of dirt and rocks, etc.) must be bagged, boxed or in cans. Branches must be no longer than four feet and should be securely tied in manageable bundles, or put in boxes or bags. Yard waste must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on Wednesdays. Bamboo is picked up on regular trash days. Branches/wood exceeding 3" diameter is picked up on a regular trash day. **Landscape timbers are not yard waste** - they must be no longer than 4' and go out with regular trash.

**Refuse and Recycling Reminders:** Newspapers, junk mail, catalogs, paper board, cardboard and telephone books should be placed in paper or plastic bags or tied in bundles and placed in the recycling carts or bins. Recycling carts and bins are also for glass, cans (bi-metal and aluminum) and all plastics except plates, utensils, Styrofoam or motor oil containers. When your recycling day falls on your refuse collection day, **please** place refuse on one side of the driveway and recycling on the other side.

**Special pickup - by request only** - is for metal items such as washers, dryers, water heaters, grills, bicycles, refrigerators, freezers, exercise equipment – anything that is 98% metal. You must call 301-809-2344 prior to 12 noon on Tuesdays for **Wednesday's** special pickup.

**Large, bulky items** such as couches, chairs, console televisions, computer monitors, sliding glass doors with the glass, wood tables - items that are not 98% metal - can be placed at the curb on your regular trash day. These are not special pickup items.

**Items not collected:** Compact fluorescent light bulbs, sod, dirt, rocks, mulch, car parts, propane tanks, concrete, oil, gasoline, kerosene, oil-based paints or any hazardous materials. Prince George's County collects hazardous waste at the Brown Station Landfill in Upper Marlboro Thursday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 301-883-5045 for information.

## Bowie Farmers' Market

The Bowie Farmers' Market is in full swing! Patrons will find various types of fresh fruits and vegetables, breads and baked goods, jams and jellies, salsa, herbs, fresh cut flowers, bedding plants, crabs, fish, goat cheese, kettle corn and candies at the market.

The Farmers' Market is open **Sundays, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., through October 28, 2012.** 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, please contact Matt Corley at [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3078.

## Upcoming Special Events

### September 16 "Agriculture Awareness Day"

Farm animal petting zoo, 9:30 - 11 a.m.

### October 28 "Octoberfest"

Free scarecrow making (participants supply a long-sleeved shirt and trousers). Free pumpkin painting (pumpkins available for purchase at market). Activities start at 10 a.m.



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## Bowie Youth & Family Services

Bowie Youth & Family Services (BYFS) offers counseling for families with children living in the home who are 18 years of age and under. If you are interested in counseling services for your family, please call to make an appointment. An initial intake will be done either by phone or in person. Family counseling services are provided to residents within the corporate limits of the City of Bowie for \$20 per session, and to those in the greater Prince George's County area for \$30 per session.

**Groups** are offered periodically on a variety of topics. Beginning in October, BYFS will also offer a **Fall Seminar Series**. Check the following list and call if any topics are of interest. It would be great to have your input and ideas. Each group runs between four and eight weeks. Fees vary from \$60 to \$120 per group. A \$50 membership fee covers the entire year of the Girls Count! group. Call **301-809-3033** for more information on group registration and counseling intake procedures.

### New Group Offerings

Are you a **grandparent** parenting and raising your grandchildren? We're interested in hearing from you. Contact Symone Colquitt.

**Youth of military families...**are you looking for a place to gather and talk? Contact Dr. Marika Martin.

### Popular Groups

**Active Parenting** – Parents focus on learning practical skills to help their children develop cooperation and responsibility. Beginning in October. Contact Debby Shipler.

**ADHD Education** – Adults learn about ADHD/ADD and explore new ways to help their children. Children (ages 8–10) focus on improving social skills. These two groups run simultaneously. Beginning in October. Contact Karen Katrinic or Marisa Sherman.

**Girls Count!** – Participating in fun activities, teen girls share the pressures of being female in today's complex society, and support each other as they develop skills for managing feelings and issues they confront. Beginning in October. Contact Symone Colquitt or Debby Shipler.

### Fall Seminar Series

**September 19, 2012** - Supporting your child during the transition from middle to high school.

**October 22, 2012** - What can we do about our school-avoidant child?

**November 15, 2012** - How to stay connected to your teen: communication skills that really work.

**December 12, 2012** - Stress management tips for the holiday season.

*All seminars are held at Kenhill Center, 7 - 9 p.m. Preregistration is required.*

### Teen Job Bank

The Teen Job Bank is a valuable resource for teens residing within Bowie who are looking for a way to make a little extra cash. **Teens** between 13 and 18 years of age are critically needed. The winter season brings in lots of calls for snow shoveling. If you are a teen or know a teen who may be interested, please let them know of this opportunity. **Residents**, remember our local teens who can be of help with yard work, babysitting and other various jobs. Please go to the City's website, [www.cityof-bowie.org](http://www.cityof-bowie.org), to download the required forms, or call **301-809-3033** for forms to be mailed.

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## Teacher of the Month

The City of Bowie's Teacher of the Month Program has two brand new sponsors for the upcoming 2012-13 school year. The Texas Roadhouse in Bowie has agreed to provide each Teacher of the Month with a "Dinner for Two" certificate (with a value up to \$30); and T.J. Elliott's Restaurant also located in Bowie, is excited about providing this same teacher with a pizza party for the teacher's students! In addition to being fed, the Teacher of the Month will be formally recognized and provided with a certificate at a City of Bowie Council Meeting.

If you know of a wonderful teacher doing a fabulous job with the students in a Bowie school, please nominate that teacher for the Teacher of the Month Program. Nomination forms can be found on the City's website at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

## Bowie Playhouse Presents



### Bloody MURDER -- 9/7 - 9/22

Bloody Murder is a traditional British murder mystery set on a lavish estate in the country. The guests gather and someone is poisoned and dies. Lady Somerset, owner of the estate, refuses to call the police because she doesn't "want to go through this again." The speculation is now focused not only on the person who died, but on what "this" was. Presented by 2nd Star Productions, [www.2ndstarproductions.com](http://www.2ndstarproductions.com), 301-832-4819.

### DRACULA -- 9/28 - 10/13

Based on Bram Stoker's classic, Dracula tells the story of Lucy Seward, daughter of the head of an English sanitarium, who is struck with a mysterious illness. Her specialist Dr. Van Helsing believes Lucy is the victim of a vampire, a sort of ghost that goes about at night sucking blood from its victims. A perfect story for the Halloween season, Dracula is a show to be remembered. Presented by Bowie Community Theatre, [www.bctheatre.com](http://www.bctheatre.com), 301-805-0219.

### CYMBELINE -- 10/19 - 10/27

Cymbeline is a play by William Shakespeare. Cymbeline is based on legends of the early Celtic British King Cunobelinus. In Shakespeare's tale Cymbeline is a King of Britain. He's a widower with three children, a daughter Imogene and two sons who were kidnapped when they were three years old, twenty years before the play is set. Cymbeline takes a new wife who has a son named Cloton. The king arranges for his daughter to marry Cloton, but she instead marries her childhood friend Posthumus. Cymbeline is furious so he banishes Posthumus and imprisons Imogen. Despite deceit, poison and treachery, there's a happy ending to this play that's part history, part comedy, part tragedy and part romance. Presented by the Annapolis Shakespeare Company, [www.annapolishakespeare.org](http://www.annapolishakespeare.org), 410-702-1289.



All performances are on weekends at the Bowie Playhouse, located in Whitmarsh Park, 16500 Whitmarsh Park Drive. For ticket sales and information about the theater groups, please contact the theater companies directly. All companies offer online ticketing.

## News of the City Museums



### Mark Your Calendar

#### “Predicting the Past” - Second Tuesday Lecture Series

**Tuesday, September 11, 7:30 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. Author Lucia St. Clair Robson, will discuss how she makes history come alive, from ideas to research to storytelling to enduring the editing process. Free.

#### Brown Bag Lunch Lecture

**Monday, September 17, 12 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. Bring your lunch and discuss the architecture of Andrea Palladio with Museums Manager Pam Williams. Free.

#### Kids Kaboose

**Tuesday, September 18 and October 16, 10:30 a.m.** at Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun for ages 1-10...bring a picnic lunch and trainspot after the program! Free.

#### Civil War Era Soldiers' Aid Fair

**Saturday, September 29, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. Share the fun as reenactors from the Atlantic Guard Soldiers' Aid Society recreate a fair to aid Maryland's troops on Civil War battlefields! Free.

#### Divided Voices: The Civil War in Maryland

**Sunday, September 30, 3 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. Two living history interpreters – Christian Fleetwood, a free black man, and Rebecca Davis, a young woman whose family is divided over the Civil War – share their perspectives on the conflict. This program is generously sponsored and funded by the Maryland Humanities Council and the Maryland Historical Society. Free.

#### Funday Sunday

**Sunday, October 7, 12 - 4 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. Youngsters ages 1-10 are invited to enjoy colonial games and stories at the Mansion. Free.

#### Brown Bag Lunch Lecture

**Monday, October 8, 12 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. Join Museums Curator Samantha Dorsey for “Best Foot Forward – A Look at Ladies' Fashions.” Free.

#### “Spiritualism in 19th Century America” - Second Tuesday Lecture Series

**Tuesday, October 9, 7:30 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. Joan Chaconas, Washington D.C. historian and historian at the Surratt House, will speak on a popular topic in 19th Century America – spiritualism – a practice reportedly explored by President and Mrs. Lincoln. Free.

*For information on these, or any museum program, contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).*

### Hours of Operation

#### Belair Mansion,

Tuesdays through Sundays, 12 - 4 p.m., 12207 Tulip Grove Drive. Free.

#### Belair Stable Museum,

Tuesdays through Sundays, 12 - 4 p.m., 2835 Belair Drive. Free.

#### Old Town Bowie

**Welcome Center,** Tuesdays - Sundays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 8606 Chestnut Avenue, 301-575-2488. Free.

#### Bowie Railroad

**Museum,** Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 8614 Chestnut Avenue. Free.

*To schedule a group tour of any of these City Museums, or for more information, please call 301-809-3089.*

#### Radio and Television

**Museum,** Fridays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 1 - 5 p.m., 2608 Mitchellville Road. Free. *To contact this Museum, call 301-390-1020.*

#### The Prince George's Genealogical Library,

Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. (first Wednesday of the month 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.), Tulip Grove Drive. Free. *For information, call 301-262-2063 during open hours.*

## Senior Services Overview

The Bowie Senior Center provides a wide variety of educational and recreational programs and services that include information and assistance, transportation, and a nutrition program for the active adult 55 years and older.

### Bonsai Club Guest

#### Speaker

**Friday, September 7  
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

Guest speaker, Mr. Jack Sustic, Curator of Bonsai and Penjing Museum, will teach special Bonsai techniques. All are invited to attend.

### Meet and Greet Social

**Wednesday,  
September 12  
10 - 11:30 a.m.**

The Center invites all instructors and members to take this opportunity to get to know one another and to learn more about the excellent classes offered here. Chat with teachers about classes and determine which ones you would like to attend.

Active Adult 55+  
Active Adult 55+

### Time of Remembrance

**Wednesday, September 19 at 10:30 a.m.**

Although loved ones are gone and perhaps have been for years, they still hold a special part of our heart. Come and honor that person you still hold dear. This honoring will be held at the Senior Center and will be led by Cathy Cooper of Capital Caring.

### Bowie Health Fair

**Saturday, September 22, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

With more than 30 free or low-cost screening services, health care consultations and activities, and more than 50 exhibitors, the Health Fair should have something for everyone. Services range from alternative health care options including acupuncture and Reiki, to cholesterol and glucose testing, EKG's, glaucoma and vision tests, as well as gynecological exams. Speakers will lecture on topics about nutrition, exercise and brain health from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For information, visit [www.bowiehealthfair.blogspot.com](http://www.bowiehealthfair.blogspot.com) or call 301-618-6123. Open to the public.

### Flu and Pneumonia Vaccines

**Friday, September 28, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Get your flu and pneumonia vaccines right here at the Center! There is no charge for Medicare Part B participants, except HMO users. If you have an HMO, you are not eligible for the shot at the Center - you must go to your provider.

**Bowie Senior Center, 14900 Health Center Drive**

**301-809-2300, [www.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter](http://www.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter)**

Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Friday,  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.;

and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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## **Bowie Business Innovation Center**

The Bowie Business Innovation Center (Bowie BIC), located at Bowie State University, has accepted its first five early-stage client companies. The Bowie BIC is a mixed-use business incubation program which provides affordable office space, plus programs and services designed to accelerate the development of companies in the Bowie business community.

The first five companies to join the Bowie BIC program are examples of minority, women-owned, service disabled veteran-owned, and Bowie State University alum and student-owned companies:

*BSS Now* is developing an e-commerce platform for military personnel and government employment/families where they can connect, and buy and sell merchandise.

*Clark Training Solutions (CTS), LLC* provides training and consulting services for government and commercial clients.

*Magadia Consulting, Inc.* specializes in the development and integration of web-enabled systems, quality assurance, quality control, information assurance, risk management, SharePoint Consulting, and audio-visual services.

*Vertical Wind Ventures* is building, managing and maintaining wind parks using their patent-pending, utility grade vertical-axis wind technology (VWT) - manufacturing in Maryland.

*X-Prop Sports* is developing life-size figures that are sports training aids to assist coaches, trainers and parents in teaching techniques that increase athletic skills for a range of sports.

Bowie BIC is accepting applications from additional clients. For more information, please visit the Bowie BIC website at [www.bowiebic.com](http://www.bowiebic.com) or call 301-383-1550.