



# BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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## Brews N Bulbs August 1

City of Bowie staff and Starbucks at Bowie Town Center will host a lightbulb exchange. Exchange old compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs) for an LED and a tea! CFLs contain mercury and shouldn't be placed directly into the trash stream. Instead bring them to an exchange like this (or the Home Depot) and let us dispose of them for you. The event is **August 1, 1 - 3 p.m.** at the Starbucks Bowie Town Center. For more information, contact Ashleigh Armentrout at [aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044, or visit the City's website at [www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie](http://www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie).

## City Council Meeting to Note

**August 5** City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. City Transportation Priority List, Charter Amendment CAR-2-19, All Way Stop Warrants

This is the only Council Meeting scheduled for the month of August. For more information, contact the City Clerk at 301-809-3029 or [ahernandez@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ahernandez@cityofbowie.org).

## National Night Out - August 6, 6 - 8 p.m.

The Bowie Police Department will once again host National Night Out, the nationwide campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Join us Tuesday, **August 6**, from 6 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park (3330 Northview Drive) for music, food, public safety information, community displays and free family fun! For more information, please contact 240-544-5792.

## Play "Kickball for a Cause" Saturday, August 24

The Bowie Police Department is thrilled to announce its first "Kickball for a Cause" charity tournament! The Department is excited to host a day filled with fun, food and kickball with friends on **Saturday, August 24**. This event benefits the incredible organization HEROES, Inc., a nonprofit dedicated to honor the supreme sacrifice of law enforcement officers and firefighters who give their lives in the line of duty. HEROES Inc. honors fallen heroes by assisting their families in making smart decisions, protecting against loss, and staying on solid financial ground; help begins within 24 hours of a tragic loss. Be the last team standing in honor of this organization by registering you and/or your team at [www.cityofbowie.org/kickball](http://www.cityofbowie.org/kickball). Registration is \$350 per team.

## Police Department Now a "Transaction Safe Place"

Looking for a safe location for your next online/app purchase exchange? The Bowie Police Department is happy to announce that the station, located at 15901 Excalibur Road (lower level), is now listed as a "transaction safe place". Please note that while the station is operational 24/7, Bowie Police encourage residents to consider daytime hours for transactions. **No officers or department personnel will be present for any exchange. You must arrange your own meet up times and conditions.** Here are some tips to ensure your experience with an online exchange/buy/sell app doesn't 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; and be wary of anyone who refuses to meet at a public location, police stations included.

## Apply for a Single Family Housing Grant

The Single Family Housing Rehabilitation Program is a federally funded grant program that provides financial assistance to single-family homeowners with limited financial means. The purpose of the grant is to provide energy efficiency related upgrades and repairs to correct hazardous conditions, repair or replace major systems, correct interior and exterior deficiencies, energy improvements, modifications for persons with disabilities and eliminate lead based paint hazards.

To be eligible to participate, the applicant must be of low to moderate income and be the legal owner and full time resident of a property located within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Bowie. The maximum grant fund per household is \$10,000. Prior grant recipients within the previous ten years are ineligible to apply. This new program will provide energy audits and energy efficiency rehabilitation activities to all low to moderate income households, with a focus on seniors, veterans, disabled homeowners, emergency responders and teachers. Applicants must provide income and asset verification. Additional federal requirements apply. For more information and an application, contact the City's Office of Grant Development and Administration at **301-809-3051** or [bowiehsg@cityofbowie.org](mailto:bowiehsg@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 information, contact Program Coordinator Tia Younger at 301-809-3033 or [mentor@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mentor@cityofbowie.org).

## 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. 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. To hire a teen or sign up to work, complete the application at [www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms](http://www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms) or call 301-809-3033.

## Farmers' Market Corn Roast

8/11, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Enjoy free hot buttered corn on the cob (while supplies last). The Market is held in the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road) each Sunday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. through October 27, 2019. Information: 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org)

## Sunday Sunset Concerts

7 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Every Sunday through 9/1. Cancelled in inclement weather. For information: [www.cityofbowie.org/concerts](http://www.cityofbowie.org/concerts), [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3078.

## Planning to Replace Your Fence?

If you have a fence that was constructed before 1992 or was built illegally, you may not be able to replace it in the same location. There are many fences that were installed before the City adopted fence requirements. Fences that were built before 1992 and do not comply with the current requirements are considered non-conforming fences. When a non-conforming fence is in need of replacement, it must comply with the current setback requirements and Code. Currently, front yard fences are prohibited except on specific lots in Old Bowie; and most fences on corner lots must be set back 36 feet from the side street. These requirements apply to all fence types, no matter the height. For more information, contact Jamie Braun in the Code Compliance Office at [jbraun@cityofbowie.org](mailto:jbraun@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3012.

**Figuratively Speaking** City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through September 14. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours).

**Arts Grants** Individuals or organizations offering projects involving Bowie residents in interactive arts or performance may apply. Application deadline is September 6.

**Holiday Arts & Crafts Market** Save the date, 11/23, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hosted by the City Arts Committee.

For more information, contact Neil Norris at [nnorris@cityofbowie.org](mailto:nnorris@cityofbowie.org) or 240-544-5601 or visit the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

## MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org)

**GENEALOGY WORKSHOP: THE ABC OF GENEALOGY RESEARCH** 8/10, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

**FAIRY TALE FUN** 8/13, 10 a.m. Belair Mansion Stories, craft and refreshments for ages 2 - 8, with adult. Free

**WONDERFUL WORLD OF HERBS** 8/17, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

**PRETTY PRACTICAL PASTEBOARD** 8/24, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Preregistration required. \$20/person (ages 16+)

## ADULTS 55+

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

**EBONY IMAGES TRIVIA CONTEST** 8/13, 12:30 p.m.

**CAR CLINIC** 8/14, 12 - 2 p.m.

**VARIETY SHOW** 8/15, 12:15 p.m.

**ARTIST OF THE MONTH: FRANCIS SWEET** 8/16, 1 p.m. reception

**HURRAY FOR HOLLYWOOD - STEPHANIE DAILEY** 8/20, 12:30 p.m.

## CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive  
301-809-2388

**MORNING WALKING**  
Weekdays, 7:30 - 9 a.m.

**BASKETBALL OPEN GYM**  
Weekdays, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

**COED RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL** Friday, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**PICKLEBALL** Tuesday and Thursday, 9 - 11 a.m.

**SENIOR FIT** Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 - 10 a.m. at Kenhill Center (Senior Fit will return to the Gym 9/9)

Fall season court time requests are due by **August 3**.

**The Gym will be closed for annual maintenance 8/26 - 9/9.**

## Labor Day

**Monday, September 2, 2019** 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.

## Hurricane Season

Now is the perfect time for Bowie residents to prepare for the effects of a major storm. For helpful tips and information, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/hurricanes](http://www.cityofbowie.org/hurricanes).

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