



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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Salute to America Concert

The City's annual Salute to America Concert is set to take place on Sunday, **September 1, 2019** from 7 – 8 p.m. at the Robert V. Setera Amphitheater in Allen Pond Park. The Bowie State University Concert Band will provide a selection of patriotic music. The concert is dedicated to all those who currently serve or have served in the Armed Forces. We will also pay tribute to the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attack. A candlelight vigil will be held to remember those we have lost. So bring your flags, candles, friends and family to Allen Pond for this patriotic evening. All are encouraged to dress in red, white and blue, or wear military attire, if appropriate. For more information, please contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

City Council Meetings to Note

- **September 3** Council Meeting, 8 p.m. City Trails Master Plan Update, Bowie Green Team Proposed Action Plan, Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), City Complete Streets Policy
- **September 16** Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Pecan Ridge Annexation

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

Bowie Ice Arena

Back to School lessons begin **September 5**. Classes are offered for all ages and levels. Register now! Registration for Fall Series 1 lessons begins September 26 and classes begin October 3. For a calendar of public sessions please visit the website or stop by the Ice Arena. For information and registration: 301-809-3090 or www.cityofbowie.org/icearena.

Cop for a Day

Experience a day in the life of a Bowie Police Officer on **Saturday, September 7, 2019**. Registration is \$15 for ages 7 and up; and \$5 for those ages 5 & 6. Enjoy an obstacle course, search for a wanted suspect, conduct a traffic stop with a foot chase, tag along on a vehicle pursuit, hang out in the kid zone and more! This event is for all, ages 5 and up. For tickets and more information, please visit www.bowiecopforaday.com.

Wanted: Election Judges for November 5 City Election

Chief Judges, Judges and Alternate Judges are needed for the City of Bowie Election on Tuesday, **November 5, 2019**. Judges must be registered to vote in City elections. Preference will be given to persons having experience. All judges who are selected to serve must attend a training session (date to be determined). Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and judges will be on duty from approximately 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. One Chief Judge will supervise the Judges at each polling place. The Chief Judges will receive \$150 and Judges will receive \$120 for their duties on Election Day. In addition, all Judges will receive \$10 for the training session and for any additional meetings they are required to attend.

Interested Bowie residents must fill out an application which can be found on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org/elections or a copy can be picked up at City Hall. To submit an application you can send it via mail to the City Clerk, Bowie City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716 or via email at ahernandez@cityofbowie.org. For additional information you may call the City Clerk at 301-809-3029. **Deadline to submit applications is September 30, 2019.**

Board and Committee Vacancies

Volunteers are needed for several City boards and committees: Administrative Review Board, Arts Committee, Community Outreach Committee, Community Recreation Committee, Diversity Committee, Education Committee, Board of Elections, Environmental Advisory Committee, Ethics Commission, Green Team Executive Committee and Information Technology Committee.

Information on the role of each committee and how to apply for membership can be found on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org/committees or by calling the City Clerk at 301-809-3029.

Weed Warrior Workday

9/28, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Join members of the Green Team in removing the invasive English Ivy from trees in parks around Bowie. English Ivy is an invasive species that weakens and dehydrates trees, while spreading very quickly. This is a Student Service Learning (SSL) hours opportunity. On-site tools and training are provided. Preregistration is required so please contact Ashleigh at aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org for more information and to register today!

Thank You!

... From the City's Community Outreach Committee to all who brought food, toiletries and baby items to the Sunday Sunset concerts at Allen Pond this summer. Your support is truly appreciated. Donations can also be made throughout the year at the Bowie Gym, Senior Center and at the Kenhill Center. Donations are also accepted at the Bowie Pantry (located behind the Kenhill Center) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., and on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, from 6 - 7 p.m.

Imagine an Hour that Impacts a Lifetime

Mentoring makes a difference and now is the time to volunteer. The Bowie Youth & Family Services Teen Mentoring Program can help you do just that. When you volunteer to mentor a Bowie High School student, you agree to spend one hour a week building a positive relationship with a student and supporting their success in school, in their family and in the Bowie community. Mentors need to be willing to make a commitment to meet weekly with a teen for the entire academic year; agree to security screening and fingerprinting; and participate in mentor trainings and group events. To apply, contact Program Coordinator Tia Younger at mentor@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3033.

Fall Concerts

Saturdays, 2 - 4 p.m. at Town Green Park in Old Town Bowie, September 7 - October 27 (No concert October 5).

Information: 301-809-3078, mcorley@cityofbowie.org or www.cityofbowie.org/concerts

The Fabulous Hubcaps Concert

9/8, 6 - 7:15 p.m. at the Robert V. Setera Amphitheater in Allen Pond Park.

Information: 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org

Beautification Awards Ceremony

9/18 at City Hall. Slide presentation and refreshments at 7 p.m. Awards presentation at 7:30 p.m.

Information: 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

FAIRY TALE FUN 9/10, 10 - 11 a.m. Belair Mansion
Make new friends while enjoying stories, snacks and a craft! Ages 2 - 8, with an adult. Free

THE GREEN BOOK AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

9/21, 3 p.m. Belair Mansion
Join historians Anne Bruder and Susan Pearl as they discuss how the Green Book helped African-Americans travel safely across the country and what local places were part of the safe travels. Free

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF HERBS

9/28, 12 - 4 p.m.
Drop by and ask questions of the herbal expert. Be prepared to make and take a trinket home. Free

ADULTS 55+

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

NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH

ENTERTAINER: BRUCE THOMAS, SINGER 9/12, 12:30 p.m.

DIY MOSAIC PICTURE FRAME 9/16, 12:30 p.m., Preregister

MEDICARE AND MEDICAID: WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW 9/17, 5:45 p.m. Open to the public.

BEGINNER BILLIARD INSTRUCTION 9/18, 2:30 p.m. Preregister

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

MORNING WALKING Weekdays, 8:30 - 10 a.m.

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

PICKLEBALL Tuesday and Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

The Gym is closed for annual maintenance 8/26 - 9/8.

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.

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor G. Frederick Robinson
Mayor Pro Tem Henri Gardner
Michael P. Esteve
James L. Marcos
Darian Senn-Carter
Isaac Trouth
Dufour Woolfley

CITY MANAGER

Alfred D. Lott
301-809-3030

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. - 3 p.m. at the Bowie Senior Center. Vendor applications due by October 18. This is a juried event hosted by the City Arts Committee.

For more information, contact Neil Norris at nnorris@cityofbowie.org or 240-544-5601 or visit the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org.