

Bowie News Flash

September 2019

News

It's Back to School Time – Drive Carefully and Watch Out for Pedestrians

Everyone will be back to school by the first week in September. Stay alert, drive within the posted speed limit, and remember to stop for school buses that are loading and unloading.

Salute to America Concert

The City's annual Salute to America Concert will 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.

Labor Day Holiday

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.

Register for Lessons at the 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.

City Council Meeting to Note

- **September 3** Council Meeting, 8 p.m. New Ice Arena funding, Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), Mill Branch Crossing Zoning Text Amendment, Bowie Green Team Proposed Action Plan, City Trails Master Plan Update, City Complete Streets Policy
- **September 16** Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Pecan Ridge Annexation

Arts Grants Available

Individuals or organizations offering projects involving Bowie residents in interactive arts or performance may apply for Bowie Art Grants. The application deadline is **September 6**. For more information, contact Sally Hein at shein@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3014.

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 and 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.

Fall Concerts Begin

This fall, enjoy a concert every weekend in Old Town Bowie. They will take place on Saturdays, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Town Green Park from **September 7 to October 26**. First up on September 7 is 40 Dollar Fine playing “roots rock”. For information: 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

The Fabulous Hubcaps Concert

The Fabulous Hubcaps will perform at Allen Pond Park in a special concert on **September 8** from 6 to 7:15 p.m. This is to make up for the concert that was canceled at the fireworks celebration on July 2 due to storm-related difficulties.

What’s Bouncing at the City Gym?

- Morning Walking 8:30 - 10 a.m.
- Basketball Open Gym Weekdays, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Pickleball Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Senior Fit Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 - 10 a.m. at Kenhill Center
(**Senior Fit returns to the Gym 9/9**)

The City Gym is closed for annual maintenance **8/27 - 9/8**. It reopens **9/9**. Information: 301-809-2388.

Beautification Awards Ceremony is September 18

The City will recognize those homeowners and businesses that have been nominated for an annual Beautification Award on September 18 at City Hall. Slide presentation and refreshments are at 7 p.m. Awards presentation begins at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Weed Warrior Workday is September 28

Join members of the Green Team and other weed warriors in removing English Ivy from trees in parks around Bowie. English Ivy is an invasive species that weakens and dehydrates trees, while spreading very quickly. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon. This is a

Student Service Learning (SSL) hours opportunity. On-site tools and training are provided. Preregistration is required so please contact Ashleigh Armentrout at aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org for more information and to register today!

2019 Election Information

The next City election is 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, two At-Large seats, and Council Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 is **October 4, 2019**. This is also the last date to register to vote in the November election.

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 will be 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 at www.cityofbowie.org/elections or a copy can be picked up at City Hall. To submit an application, mail to the City Clerk, Bowie City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716 or email ahernandez@cityofbowie.org. For additional information call the City Clerk at 301-809- 3029. Deadline to submit applications is **September 30, 2019**.

Volunteers Needed for City 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.

Thank You!

The City's Community Outreach Committee thanks 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. to 12 p.m., and on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Whitemarsh Park Improvements Update

Two projects have been underway at Whitemarsh Park this summer to improve the experience for park visitors.

The first project was the replacement of the pedestrian bridge that connects sections of the walking/biking trails in the park. The work involved removing the old metal bridge and the large concrete bridge abutments; regrading the stream banks, casting new concrete abutments, and installing a new, much longer and more attractive bridge. Final work has been completed and the bridge is back open for all to enjoy.

The second project consists of new restroom and concession facilities, as well as a new state-of-the-art custom designed, “themed” play area for children 12 and under and a pedestrian plaza nearby. The project is expected to be completed by early fall.

\$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. - 5 p.m.) and by check only at the reception desk during City Hall’s evening and Saturday hours (Monday thru Thursday until 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon). Learn more about composting 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.

Register for Bowie Youth and Family Services Fall Groups

Bowie Youth & Family Services (BYFS) offers counseling for all families in the City with 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.

Registration is open for four group programs 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.

Families are encouraged to call **301-809-3033** for more information, to register, or to arrange for an appointment.

Figuratively Speaking

The City Hall Art Gallery exhibit runs **through September 14**. It is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are 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.

City Hydrant Flushing Begins October 1

The City of Bowie Public Works Department will begin the semi-annual fire hydrant flushing and testing program in areas served by City water. **Hydrant flushing will begin on Tuesday, October 1 and will take place Monday through Friday from approximately 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.** in accordance with the following schedule:

OCTOBER 1 & 2	Buckingham, Derbyshire, & Forest Drive
OCTOBER 3 & 4	Somerset and Bowie Forest
OCTOBER 7 & 8	Tulip Grove
OCTOBER 9 & 10	Foxhill & Long Ridge
OCTOBER 11, 14 & 15	Kenilworth
OCTOBER 16	Heather Hills
OCTOBER 17, 18 & 21	Meadowbrook
OCTOBER 22	Gradys Walk & Glenridge
OCTOBER 23	Chapel Forge
OCTOBER 24	Victoria Heights & Race Track Rd. Townhouses
OCTOBER 25	Idlewild
OCTOBER 28	Yorktown & Overbrook
OCTOBER 29	Whitehall
OCTOBER 30	Rockledge

Some discoloration of your water may occur and clothes washing is discouraged. If your clothes become discolored, keep them wet and re-wash them using a rust remover. Rust remover will be available, at no cost, from City Hall and Public Works offices. The water is safe for drinking and bathing even though it may be discolored. The discoloration is a result of rust and sediment build up in the water lines and is not harmful. The discoloration should clear in approximately 24 hours. However, since the water mains are all interconnected, flushing of hydrants in adjacent sections could affect your water as well.

Information: csullivan@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-2339

Vendors Needed for Holiday Arts and Crafts Market

Save the date! The City will host an Arts and Crafts Market on Saturday, **November 23**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bowie Senior Center. Vendor applications are due by October 18; discounted early bird registration begins September 18. This is a juried event

hosted by the City Arts Committee. For information, contact Sally Hein at shein@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3014.

Jobs

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

- **System Administrator** Information Technology (closes 9/13/2019)
- **Solid Waste Collector** Public Works (open)
- **Communications Specialist II** Police Department (open)
- **Police Officers** Entry level (open)
- **Gymnasium Supervisor** Part time (open)
- **Bus Driver** Part time Senior Center (open)

For more information or to apply, visit www.cityofbowie.org/jobs.

Pipe Replacement Work in Heather Hills

The City of Bowie is implementing a project to replace some water distribution pipes in the Heather Hills neighborhood. The work will take several months to complete and will require the installation of temporary water lines on Hillman Place and along Holiday Lane between Hillman Place and Hindle Lane. Affected residents will be notified directly.

In 2015, the Public Works Department conducted an evaluation of the City of Bowie water system. With the results of that study, in May 2017 the City Council adopted a long-range plan to replace some of the water mains pipes in the system, beginning in areas with the greatest need. The pipe renewal/replacement fee on City of Bowie Water and Sewer bills is helping to pay for this major multi-year project. The City is also pursuing other sources of outside funding. The Heather Hills work is the second replacement work being done as part of this long-term project.

For information about the project, call one of the individuals listed below or visit www.cityofbowie.org/watermainreplacement.

Project Manager Hong Yin (301-809-2337 or hyin@cityofbowie.org)
City Inspector Paul Buckley (240-508-0677 or pbuckley@cityofbowie.org)

Public Information Meeting About Governor Bridge Road – September 25

Learn about the future of the Governor Bridge Road Bridge at a meeting at City Hall on September 25. The Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) has analyzed the feedback received from residents of Prince George's and Anne Arundel County on the six proposed bridge alternatives for the replacement of the Governor Bridge Road Bridge. The alternatives were presented at a public meeting in October 2018. These results of the feedback have also been shared with Anne Arundel County Public Works.

On September 25, a public information meeting will take place at Bowie City Hall to review the feedback received from residents of both counties and discuss the alternative preferred by Prince George's County DPW&. The preferred alternative was identified based on findings from an engineering analysis and public feedback. This meeting is hosted by County Council Chair Todd Turner, in conjunction with DPW&T and the City of Bowie. It takes place in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, September 25, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Events

8/26 - 9/8 City Gym Closed for Annual Maintenance. The Gym will reopen 9/9. For more information, contact the Gym at 301-809-2388.

9/1 Bowie Farmers' Market 8 a.m.- 12 p.m. in the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road). Our annual Farmers' 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.

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9/6 Art Grants Application Deadline 5 p.m. at Bowie City Hall. For more information, contact Sally Hein at shein@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3014.

9/7 Responsible Pet Ownership Class 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Bowie City Hall. Join Bowie Animal Control for a discussion about responsible pet ownership with a question and answer session. For registration and information, call 301-809-3002.

9/7 Cop for a Day 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Bowie Town Center. Registration is \$15 for ages 7 and up; and \$5 for those ages 5 and 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 or call 240-544-5792.

9/7 Fall Concert Series – 40 Dollar Fine (Roots Rock) 2 - 4 p.m. at Town Green Park in Old Town Bowie, most Saturdays through October 26. Concert canceled in inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

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9/8 The Fabulous Hubcaps Concert 6 – 7:15 p.m. at the Robert V. Setera Amphitheater in Allen Pond Park. Information: mcorley@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3078

9/10 Fairy Tale Fun 10 – 11 a.m. at Belair Mansion Make new friends while enjoying stories, snacks and a craft! Ages 2 - 8, with an adult. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

9/12 National Senior Center Month – Entertainer: Bruce Thomas, Singer 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

9/14 Fall Concert Series – Project Natale (Jazz) 2 - 4 p.m. at Town Green Park in Old Town Bowie, Saturdays through 10/26. Concert canceled in inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

9/15 Bowie Farmers' Market 8 a.m.- 12 p.m. in the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road). Our annual Farmers' 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.

9/16 DIY Mosaic Picture Frame 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Preregistration required. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

9/16 City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall. Pecan Ridge Annexation.

9/17 Medicare and Medicaid: What We Need to Know 5:45 p.m. at the Senior Center. Open to the public. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

9/18 Beginning Billiard Instruction 2:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Preregistration required. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

9/18 Beautification Awards 7 p.m. at City Hall. Slide presentation and refreshments at 7 p.m. Awards presentation at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

9/21 Fall Concert Series – Graydog (Classic Rock) 2 - 4 p.m. at Town Green Park in Old Town Bowie, Saturdays through 10/26. Concert canceled in inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

9/21 The Green Book and Prince George's County 3 p.m. at 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. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

9/22 Farm Animal Petting Zoo at the Farmers' Market 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at 15200 Annapolis Road. For more information, please contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

9/25 Cars and Seniors 12 p.m. at the Senior Center. Presented by Pat Goss. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

9/25 Informational Meeting Regarding the Future of the Governor Bridge Road Bridge 7 - 9 p.m. at City Hall. Hosted by County Council Chair Todd Turner, in conjunction with Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation, and the City of Bowie.

9/28 Fall Concert Series – The Bill Hairston Project (R&B, Jazz and Pop) 2 - 4 p.m. at Town Green Park in Old Town Bowie, Saturdays through 10/26. Concert canceled in inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

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9/28 The 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.

9/29 Bowie Farmers' Market 8 a.m.- 12 p.m. in the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road). Our annual Farmers' 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.

Mark Your Calendar...

10/5 Bowie International Festival 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Allen Pond Park.