



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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Bowie International Festival - October 5

Experience the cultures of many countries as you travel around the world in just one day at the Bowie International Festival, **Saturday, October 5, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**, at Allen Pond Park. There is entertainment for everyone - enjoy dance and musical performances from a variety of cultures. Enjoy food from different countries and artisans selling everything from jewelry to crafts and clothing. Children can travel around the world with their "passports" and enjoy activities, stories and games from many lands. Join us for a day of international celebration and exploration! Admission to the International Festival is free. Information: www.cityofbowie.org/internationalfest, 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

City Council Meetings to Note

October 7 City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. - Indoor Court Facility Report

October 21 City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. - Police Department Update

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

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 is **October 4, 2019**; this is also the last date to register to vote in the November election.

Attend the Candidate Forum on October 15

The League of Women Voters will moderate a City Council Candidate Forum on Tuesday, October 15 from 6 - 9 p.m. at Kenhill Center. The candidates will respond to questions posed by the League moderator. This is an opportunity for Bowie residents to meet the candidates and learn about their views prior to the November 5 election.

October is National Fire Prevention Month

Now is the time to upgrade smoke alarm placement to include all sleeping, hallway and common areas on each level of the house. If your home has gas or oil heat, a fireplace or attached garage, install carbon monoxide alarms on each level in addition to the smoke alarms. As of January 2018, all battery operated smoke alarms are required to be ten-year, sealed battery smoke alarms; however, they cannot take the place of a hard-wired smoke alarm. If your hard-wired smoke alarm is more than ten years old or is not working, it needs to be replaced as well. Information: 301-809-3008.

A Pawsome Social

Bowie Animal Control is hosting a social hour for dogs and pups on **October 9** from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Bowie Dog Park. There is no need to pre-register, just come and have a good time. Learn about the upcoming rabies clinic and purchase a County pet license (exact cash only; \$5 altered, \$25 unaltered) while meeting members of Bowie CLAW, Animal Control staff, and Green Bowie staff. Goodies for the first 50 pups. See you at the Paw Party! Information: aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044

Fall Concerts

The Old Town Bowie Fall Concert Series continues Saturdays, 2 - 4 p.m. at Town Green Park in Old Town Bowie through October 26. The October schedule features the following bands: 10/12, The Starvation Army (Dixieland); 10/19, Days of Vinyl (Classic Rock); and 10/26, Off Track (Country/Bluegrass). For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

What is a Senior Village?

A Senior Village is a neighborhood-based membership, grassroots movement, supported by volunteers. A Village makes it easier for older residents to keep living safely, comfortably and actively in their own homes while staying connected with their neighbors and community. The City of Bowie, in cooperation with the Maryland Umbrella Group (MUG), will hold two informational meetings to discuss the potential formation of a Bowie Senior Village, and to launch a senior services needs assessment. Please join us at an informational meeting at the Bowie Senior Center on **October 18** at 12:30 p.m., or at City Hall on **October 23** at 7 p.m. For information, contact Sally Hein at shein@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3014.

DEA Drug Take Back Day - October 26

Join the Bowie Police Department for DEA's next Drug Take Back Day on **Saturday, October 26**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Bowie Police Department (15901 Excalibur Road). Safely and responsibly dispose of expired or unused medications. Pet medications accepted! No needles/sharps or aerosol medications. For more information, contact the Police Department at 240-544-5700.

Green Bowie

Weed Warrior Workday **October 26** at Belair Meadows. Join us at this Student Service Learning opportunity in the effort to free trees of the invasive English Ivy! Registration is free and open to the first 30 participants. Register: aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044.

Second Annual Green Bowie Veterans Day 5K Join our 5K fun run and walk to honor the City's veterans on **November 9, 2019** at 8 a.m. Our certified 5K course starts at Bowie Town Center, in the parking lot behind Five Guys. Also enjoy an assortment of veteran and green vendors, and family fun activities. Registration is free, open to all, and includes a t-shirt! Register at www.cityofbowie.org/5k. Information: aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044.

Top Gardens Honored The yard of Cecilia Balzer captured the top award for the 2019 Distinguished Yard at the 24th Annual Beautification Awards held at City Hall. The event was cosponsored by Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton. Thanks to the nominees who have made Bowie a beautiful place to live and to the sponsor, Frank's Garden Center, who provided prizes and decorations. For a complete list of winners visit www.cityofbowie.org/beautification.

Halloween Trick or Treat - October 31

Halloween is **Thursday, October 31**. Suggested hours for trick or treating are **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** The Bowie Police Department reminds trick or treaters and their parents to watch out for cars, carry a flashlight, and check all treats carefully.

The Last Night of Ballyhoo 10/11-10/27 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: 301-805-0219 or www.bctheatre.com.

Seasons of Change City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through 11/15. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours). Artist reception 10/2, 7 - 8 p.m.

Holiday Arts & Crafts Market 11/23, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Senior Center. Juried show. Vendor applications due 10/18.

For more information, contact Sally Hein at shein@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3014.

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

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

THE PLUMMER FAMILY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, IN SLAVERY AND FREEDOM 10/8, 7:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Dr. Leigh Ryan, speaker. Free

MARYLAND MYSTERIES: OLIVIA FLOYD AND THE LEGEND OF THE BLUE DOG 10/19, 1 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

WONDERFUL WORLD OF HERBS 10/19, 2 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion

ADULTS 55+

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

WIDOWED PERSONS SUPPORT GROUP Thursdays, 10/3-11/7, 2 - 4 p.m. Preregister

BONSAI SHOW 10/16, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Public welcome

WELLNESS PRESENTATION: ANXIETY & DEPRESSION 10/24, 10:30 a.m.

AUTUMN HARVEST PARTY 10/31, 12:30 p.m. Fee and pre-registration required.

SAGE CLASSES BEGIN IN OCTOBER Register now

NEED A RIDE TO THE POLLS 11/5? Call 301-809-2324 by 11/1

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

FAMILY DROP-IN VOLLEYBALL Every Sunday in October, 2 - 5 p.m.

ICE ARENA

3330 Northview Drive
301-809-3090

PUBLIC SESSIONS
Schedule can be viewed at www.cityofbowie.org/icearena.

GROUP LESSONS
Series 1 Group Lessons begin 10/3. Contact the Ice Arena for information.

SCHOOL SPIRIT SKATES
10/4 & 10/11, 9 - 10:30 p.m.
10/12 & 10/19, 8 - 9:30 p.m.
Wear your school logo or show you school ID for \$5 admission and skate rental.

HALLOWEEN ON ICE
10/26, 1 - 3 p.m. Free admission with costume. Free skate rental with canned good.

CITY COUNCIL

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