

Bowie News Flash

October 2019

News

Bowie International Festival – October 5

Experience different cultures as you travel around the world in just one day at the Bowie International Festival, Saturday, October 5, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Allen Pond Park. There will be entertainment for everyone. Enjoy a variety of dance and musical performances. Purchase 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 Hydrant Flushing Begins October 1

The City of Bowie Public Works Department will begin its semi-annual fire hydrant flushing and testing program in areas served by City water. **Hydrant flushing starts Tuesday, October 1, 2019 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, and 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 Road 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

neighborhoods could affect your water as well. **Information:** csullivan@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-2339.

Traffic Alert: New Stop Signs on Belair Drive

New stop signs have been added on Belair Drive. The Kenhill/Belair and the Stonybrook/Belair intersections now have stop signs on all three sides of the intersection. These additional stop signs are part of the new traffic calming measures for Belair Drive. Along with the speed cushions and raised crosswalks, these new signs are intended to reduce speeds and improve safety for all. Please watch out for pedestrians and use extra caution as drivers get used to the changes. As a reminder, when multiple vehicles approach an intersection at the same time, the driver on the right has the right of way and each vehicle must come to a complete stop at the stop sign.

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 Candidates Forum on October 15

The League of Women Voters will moderate a City Council Candidates Forum on Tuesday, October 15 from 6 to 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.

Register for Lessons at the Bowie Ice Arena

Series 1 Group Lessons begin **October 3**. Contact the Ice Arena for information. 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

- **October 7** Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Indoor Court Facility Report
- **October 21** Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Police Department Update

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

Bowie Makes MONEY's Best Places to Live List

The City of Bowie was named to MONEY's Best Places to Live in the United States this week. Coming in at one hundred (#100), Bowie joins other places around the country where the quality of life is good and the housing is affordable. The magazine evaluates data on economic health, cost of living, ethnic and economic diversity, public education, income, health and safety, ease of living, and amenities and conducts interviews in order to come up with the list. Bowie last made the list in 2014.

Bowie has received several other recognitions this year including being selected as Maryland's Best City by USA Today, which cited Bowie's well-educated population, low poverty rate, and easy access to high paying jobs in the region as factors in its decision. Read the full press release at www.cityofbowie.org.

October is National Fire Prevention Month

Now is the time to make sure you have smoke alarms in all sleeping, hallway, and common areas on each level of your home. 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.

Counseling Groups

Bowie Youth & Family Services (BYFS) offers counseling for all families in the City who have children in the home who are high school age or younger. 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. For more information, call 301-809-3033 or visit www.cityofbowie.org/byfs.

A Pawsome Social

Bowie Animal Control is hosting a social hour for dogs and pups on **October 9** from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Bowie Dog Park. There is no need to preregister, just come and have a good time. Learn about the upcoming rabies clinic on October 19 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 provided for the first 50 pups. See you at the Paw Party! Information: aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044.

Fall Concerts Continue

The Old Town Bowie Fall Concert Series continues Saturdays, 2 to 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.

Citizens' Police Academy Begins October 15

Apply today to enroll in our Citizens' Police Academy; Session VII begins October 15, 2019. This ten-week course is open to all ages 18+. Learn from police officers and other members of the criminal justice system through our interactive classes and facilitated discussions. Topics include, but not limited to, Internal Investigations, Tactical Training Technique, Judgment Enhanced Training, Citizen/Police Interaction and Media Relations. For more information, visit www.cityofbowie.org/citizenacademy or contact the Police Department Community Services Unit at 240-544-5792 or COPS@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**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Bowie Police Department (15901 Excalibur Road). Safely and responsibly dispose of expired or unused medications. Pet medications are accepted, but no needles/sharps or aerosol medications. For more information, contact the Police Department at 240-544-5700.

Weed Warrior Workday

The next Weed Warrior Workday is 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** at 8 a.m. The 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 all the nominees who continue to make Bowie a beautiful place to live and a special thanks to the sponsor, Frank's Garden Center, for providing prizes and decorations. For a complete list of winners visit www.cityofbowie.org/beautification.

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 at www.cityofbowie.org/committees or by calling the City Clerk at 301-809-3029.

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.

\$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. to 5 p.m.) and by check only at the reception desk during City Hall evening and Saturday hours (Monday thru Thursday until 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon). Learn more about compost bins at www.cityofbowie.org/compost.

***Seasons of Change* Exhibit**

The City Hall Art Gallery exhibit runs through November 15. It is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are City Hall hours: Monday through 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. Artist reception October 2, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Following *Seasons of Change*, the next exhibit will be *Water Colors*. It will run from mid-November to mid-February. To learn about the show or how to be considered for the exhibit, please visit <https://www.cityofbowie.org/2288/Art-Galleries>.

Leaf Collection Begins November 4

The City's vacuum leaf collection service begins November 4. Each neighborhood will have two collection dates. Residents should rake leaves into piles at the edge of their grass for pickup. Do not rake or blow leaves into the street. If you have a storm drain close to your house, please keep the storm drain and curb clear of leaves to prevent them from blocking water flow and flooding the roadways. Also, please do not park cars or place trash in front of the leaves as this makes it difficult for City crews to maneuver equipment to reach the leaves.

Collection will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. according to the schedule that will soon be available at www.cityofbowie.org/leafsched. Crews will work rain or shine. In the event of snow or ice storms, leaf collection will be temporarily suspended, as the trucks and crews will be redeployed to salt or plow City streets. For information, please call the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.

Holiday Arts and Crafts Market

Save the date! Bowie's Holiday Arts and Crafts Market is **November 23**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bowie Senior Center. Vendor applications are due by October 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:

- **Solid Waste Collector** Public Works (open)

- **Communications Specialist II** Police Department (open)
- **Police Officers** Entry level (open)
- **Gymnasium Supervisor** Part time (open)
- **Community Outreach Specialist** (closes 10/11/2019)

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

Stakeholders Meeting – Rockledge neighborhood

The Public Works Department has been implementing a variety of stormwater improvement projects in Bowie, as required by the State of Maryland to improve the quality of streams that drain to the Chesapeake Bay. One of these projects, currently in design, is a stream restoration project along Saddlebrook Branch, which originates in the Rockledge neighborhood (near Rockledge Drive and Rambling Lane). The project will include tree removal, stabilization of the stream banks and sanitary sewer line, creation of in-stream pools to improve habitat, and native plantings.

An informational stakeholders meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, at 7 p.m. at the Rockledge Elementary School where City staff will provide information on what to expect during and after construction. This will be followed by a question and answer session. For more information, please contact Tiffany Wright, Watershed Manager, at 301-809-3043 or twright@cityofbowie.org.

Events

10/2 *Seasons of Change* Art Gallery Reception 7 - 8 p.m. at City Hall. All are welcome to attend, meet the artists, and share light refreshments.

10/3 – 11/7 Widowed Persons Support Group Thursdays, 2 - 4 p.m.. at the Senior Center. Preregister. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

10/4 School Spirit Skate 9 - 10:30 p.m. at Bowie Ice Arena. Bring your friends and enjoy some skating fun! Show your school ID or wear something with a school logo and get admission and skates for \$5 per person. No other discounts or passes permitted. Information: www.cityofbowie.org/icearena or 301-809-3090.

10/5 Make Your Own Market Basket 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Create a large market basket (10 x 14). Great for carrying, storing, and taking to the Farmers' Market. This is a standard market basket with a wooden handle and a filled bottom. Some choice of dyed weavers for embellishment will be available. \$40 per person. Space is limited. Reservations required. Must be at least 18 years of age. For reservations and more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

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

10/6 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.

10/7 Education Grants Deadline 5 p.m. at Bowie City Hall. The City of Bowie Education Committee awards grants that support education for Bowie children. Grants, of amounts ranging from \$100 - \$1,000, are awarded to teachers, parent groups, and other interested individuals from eligible community schools who have new and creative ideas for projects and programs that will enrich the students' learning experiences. Information: shein@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3014.

10/7 City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall. Topics include: Indoor Court Facility Report.

10/8 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.

10/8 The Plummer Family of Prince George's County, In Slavery and Freedom 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Meet Dr. Leigh Ryan, retired director of the University of Maryland Writing Center as she shares this remarkable story. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

10/9 A Pawsome Social 5 - 7 p.m. at the Bowie Dog Park Come and have a good time at a social hour for dogs and pups. Learn about the upcoming rabies clinic on October 19 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 provided for the first 50 pups. See you at the Paw Party! Information: aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044.

10/11 – 10/27 *The Last Night of Ballyhoo* Weekends at the Bowie Playhouse. Tickets and information: www.bctheatre.com or 301-805-0219.

10/12 Fall Concert Series *The Starvation Army* 2 - 4 p.m. at Town Green Park in Old Town Bowie. Concert canceled in inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

10/13 Bowie Farmers' Market 8 a.m.- 12 p.m. in the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road).

10/15 Free Vision & Glaucoma Screenings 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

10/16 Bonsai Show 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Senior Center. Open to the public. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

10/18 Senior Village Meeting 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. 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. This is an informational meeting about the potential formation of a Bowie Senior Village. Please join us! For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300. Please RSVP: negesi@m-u-g.org or 301-968-7816.

10/18 Holiday Arts & Crafts Market Vendor Deadline 5 p.m. at Bowie City Hall. The City's Arts Committee is hosting a Holiday Arts & Crafts Market on November 23, at the Bowie Senior Center. Vendor applications will be accepted until October 18, or until all spaces are filled. This is a juried event. Vendor registration fee is \$65. Information: shein@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3014.

10/19 Low Cost Rabies Vaccine and Microchip Clinic 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Bowie City Hall. The City, in coordination with the Prince George's County Health Department and Highway Veterinary Hospital, offers this low cost rabies vaccine and microchip clinic. Prince George's County pet licenses will also be for sale. Licenses for altered pets are \$5 and unaltered pets are \$25. For more information, contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002.

10/19 Maryland Mysteries: Olivia Floyd and the Legend of the Blue Dog 1 - 2 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Have you ever heard of the Legend of the Blue Dog? Did you know that communicating with the beyond was extremely fashionable in the late 1800s? And are you aware that the most successful spies during the Civil War were women? Join us as historian and reenactor Kate Taylor shares the life story of Ms. Olivia Floyd. Marylander, spy, spiritualist, and some say...author of the Legend of the Blue Dog. Free. Limited seating. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

10/19 The Wonderful World of Herbs 2 - 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.

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10/20 Bowie Farmers' Market 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road).

10/21 City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall. Topics include: Police Department Update.

10/23 Senior Village Meeting 7 p.m. at Bowie City Hall. 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. This is an informational meeting about the potential formation of a Bowie Senior Village. Please join us! For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300. Please RSVP: negesi@m-u-g.org or 301-968-7816.

10/23 Rockledge Neighborhood Stakeholders Meeting on Stormwater Improvements 7 p.m. Rockledge Elementary School. For information, please contact Tiffany Wright, Watershed Manager, at 301-809-3043 or twright@cityofbowie.org.

10/24 Bagels and Badges 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Panera at Bowie Town Center . Hosted by the Bowie Police Department. For more information, please contact the Police Department at 240-544-5792.

10/24 Wellness Presentation: Anxiety and Depression 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

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10/26 Halloween on Ice Party 1 - 3 p.m. at Bowie Ice Arena. Wear a costume or bring a canned good for FREE admission. A costume and a canned good will earn you a FREE skate rental. Information: www.cityofbowie.org/icearena or 301-809-3090.

10/26 Fall Concert Series Off Track (Bluegrass/Country) 2 - 4 p.m. at Town Green Park in Old Town Bowie. Concert canceled in inclement weather.

10/27 Bowie Farmers' Market *Octoberfest* 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road). This is our last Market of the season. Enjoy scarecrow making (participants must supply a long sleeve shirt, pantyhose and trousers) and pumpkin painting (pumpkins available for purchase) 9 - 11 a.m.

10/30 Amber Ridge Development Stakeholders Meeting 7 p.m. at Bowie City Hall.
Information: fstevens@cityofbowie.org.

10/31 Autumn Harvest Party 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Fee and registration required.
For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

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