



# BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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## National Anthem and "Voice of Bowie" Auditions

The City will hold open auditions for individuals or groups to perform the National Anthem at City special events and for those interested in being the stage announcer at the Memorial Day Parade, Bowiefest, 4th of July and the International Festival.

Auditions for the National Anthem will be held in the TV Studio in the Kenhill Center (2614 Kenhill Drive) on **Saturday, February 29**, beginning at **9 a.m.** Participants must be prepared to perform the National Anthem a cappella for a judging panel.

Auditions for the Voice of Bowie will follow, beginning at approximately **11 a.m.** Candidates will be asked to read from a prepared script for a judging panel. The chosen performer(s) will be invited to perform at various City-sponsored special events. For information or to schedule an audition, contact Special Events Manager Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

## City Council Meetings to Note

- February 3** City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Update on Environmental Initiatives, South Lake Detailed Site Plan
- February 18** City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Mid-Year Budget Report, Police Department Update

For information, contact the City Clerk at 301-809-3029 or [ahernandez@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ahernandez@cityofbowie.org).

## Workforce Development Program

The City of Bowie is offering residents a free Workforce Development and Life Skills Training Program from March 10 - April 2, 2020 for youth and young adults between the ages of 15 and 25. The program will cover life skills topics such as effective communication, stress management, and decision-making, as well as highlighting careers in STEM industries such as cyber security, IT, and healthcare. Apply online at [www.cityofbowie.org/worktraining](http://www.cityofbowie.org/worktraining). The application closes **February 14, 2020**.

A public forum about the program is scheduled for **February 5** at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall. For additional information, please contact [worktraining@cityofbowie.org](mailto:worktraining@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3009.

## Attention Employers and Job Seekers

Bowie Youth and Family Services has opened registration for our Fourth Annual Young Adult Job Fair. The event will take place at the City Gymnasium on Saturday, **March 21**, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. More than 30 employers and 315 young adults participated in 2019. The overwhelming majority of last year's attendees connected with a potential employer. We will offer Resume Writing and Interview Skills Workshops, which will be conducted by seasoned professionals. Tables are free, but space is limited. Employers may register their businesses now at <https://www.cityofbowie.org/2358/Young-Adult-Job-Fair>.

An additional Resume Writing and Interview Skills Workshop will be held at Kenhill Center (2614 Kenhill Drive) on Thursday **March 12**, 6 - 8 p.m. The workshop is free and open to all young adults. Space is limited and registration is required at <https://www.cityofbowie.org/2358/Young-Adult-Job-Fair>. For more information, please call Rhonda Simon at 301-809-3033.

## Code Corner - Door to Door Sales Permit

Did you know that anyone who goes house to house selling merchandise or services, offering free estimates or leaving informational flyers, must have a City of Bowie solicitors permit? The only exception is nonprofit groups. If a solicitor cannot present a City issued photo ID permit, we ask that you refrain from doing business with them. If you think an individual or company is in violation of this requirement, please ask the solicitor for a brochure or business card and report the information to Bowie Code Compliance at [dmichelle@cityofbowie.org](mailto:dmichelle@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3008

## Get Counted Bowie!

The 2020 Census begins soon and it is critically important to the future of our city that everyone gets counted. An accurate count will ensure that Bowie receives its share of federal and state dollars. Look for information about how to complete your Census form in early March.

## Bike to Work Day - Save the Date

**Friday, May 15**, 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. at two Bowie Pit Stops - Bowie City Gym and Old Town Bowie Fire Station. A free event full of food, fun and prizes.

For more information, contact Frank Stevens at 301-809-3053 or [fstevens@cityofbowie.org](mailto:fstevens@cityofbowie.org).

## Dogs Roaming Free

Bowie Animal Control often responds to complaints regarding dogs running at large without any supervision. In order to prevent this activity from occurring, it is important to understand the reasons dogs escape confinement. Most dogs that escape are typically kept in yards for extended periods of time without any human interaction and become bored. Easy access to freedom, loud noises, separation anxiety, lacking obedience training and exposure to other animals, are additional factors influencing escape. Bowie Animal Control asks that you consider this information as it may apply to your situation. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Animal Control at 301-809-3002.

## Winter Weather - Snow Emergency

A Snow Emergency is declared whenever snow reaches a depth of two (2) inches. Vehicles must be removed from the City streets during a snow emergency. If driveway space is unavailable, you may park your vehicle on the grass on your property, but do not block the sidewalk. Parking on the grass is acceptable only during the snow or ice event, therefore once the snow has been cleared, move your vehicle back onto the street. The City begins plowing when the snow depth reaches two (2) inches. All main drives, hills and collector streets are treated and/or plowed first. Plowing continues until all streets have been cleared. Information: 301-809-3008 or [dmichelle@cityofbowie.org](mailto:dmichelle@cityofbowie.org).

## Need Help with Snow Shoveling or Other Odd Jobs?

Bowie Youth & Family Services sponsors a Teen Job Bank, where residents can find Bowie youth who are looking for opportunities to make extra money, either on an occasional or regular basis. Residents may use this service to find teens who can help with tasks such as **snow shoveling**, yard work, babysitting or other chores. The particulars of the job and the fees per hour are determined by you and the teen. Access this program by completing the Teen Job Bank resident application found at [www.cityofbowie.org/jobbank](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobbank), or call us at 301-809-3033.

**Bowie City Schools Youth Art Show** City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through April 2020. Free and open to the public. (Water Colors exhibit thru 2/21)

**You're A Good Man Charlie Brown** weekends, 2/7 - 2/22, at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: 301-832-4819 or [www.2ndstarproductions.com](http://www.2ndstarproductions.com)

For information, please contact Lori Cunningham at [lcunningham@cityofbowie.org](mailto:lcunningham@cityofbowie.org) or 240-544-5601.

## MUSEUMS

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

**FAIRY TALE FUN** 2/11, 10 a.m. Belair Mansion Ages 2-8, with adult. Stories, snack and a craft. Free

**DAR LECTURE SERIES** 2/11, 7:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Join Susan Proctor, Bowie Historic Properties Manager, on a tour of the Mansion. Free

**AFRICAN AMERICAN MEMORIES IN SONG** 2/15, 1 p.m. Belair Mansion Presented by Prince George's County artist and educator, James Dorsey. Free

## ADULTS 55+

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

**VIOLIN PERFORMANCE: ALEXANDER STRACHAN** 2/4, 12:30 p.m.

**EBONY IMAGES IN FILM TRIVIA GAME** 2/12, 12:30 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP DAY - ARETHA FRANKLIN: MEMORIES OF THE QUEEN OF SOUL** 2/14, 12:30 p.m.

**A GLIMPSE OF AFRICAN HISTORY** 2/20, 10 a.m.

**DORSEY GOSPEL CHOIR** 2/25, 12:30 p.m.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH BINGO** 2/27, 12:30 p.m.

## ICE ARENA

3330 Northview Drive  
301-809-3090  
[www.cityofbowie.org/icearena](http://www.cityofbowie.org/icearena)

**LEARN TO SKATE LESSONS** Classes begin 2/1 Special beginner and family discounts available.

**NO PUBLIC SESSIONS** 2/15 - 2/16, due to Valentine Figure Skating Competition.

**TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE** 2/22 For more information, call the Ice Arena.

## 2020 Mayor and City Council Listening Sessions

**FEBRUARY 13, 7 PM**  
Huntington Community Center,  
13022 8th Street

**FEBRUARY 26, 7 PM** Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive

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