

Bowie News Flash

September 2011

News

Community Shredding and Styrofoam Recycling Event – September 10

The City will host a Community Shredding and Styrofoam Recycling Event on Saturday, September 10th in the parking lot at Bowie High School, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bowie residents are invited to bring up to five boxes or five kitchen sized garbage bags of papers to be shredded. Residents can also recycle expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam) found in packaging (i.e. packaging of electronics) – no cups, plates, clamshells or egg crates will be accepted. For more information, call 301-809-2344.

September 11th in Bowie

On Sunday, September 11th, the City of Bowie's annual "*Salute to America*" Concert will conclude the Summer Concert Series at Allen Pond Park. The U.S. Naval Academy's Concert Band has accepted our invitation to perform and will play a variety of patriotic music. Candles and flags will be distributed and the Mayor will make remarks and introduce dignitaries promptly at 7:00 p.m. This year on the 10th anniversary of 9/11, the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department will bring tower trucks 39 and 43 to hang a large U.S. flag across the entrance to the Park. Both trucks used to display this flag were used by responders at the World Trade Center and were damaged on 9/11. They were bought by the BVFD refurbished and put into use in the City to serve the citizens of Bowie.

The U.S. Senate has unanimously adopted a resolution establishing a national Moment of Remembrance on September 11, 2011 in memory of the lives that were lost ten years ago. Communities across the country are encouraged to recognize this moment by ringing bells and sounding sirens for a full minute at 1 p.m. EST on that date. The City Council has adopted a resolution recognizing a Moment of Remembrance in Bowie and encourages houses of worship, fire stations and other institutions in the City to sound sirens and bells together and to stop and remember those who were lost on September 11, 2001.

Also on September 11th at 5:30 p.m., there will be an Interfaith Prayers for Peace Service outside of City Hall. After the service, participants will walk from City Hall to Allen Pond Park for the Salute to America Concert.

Are You Prepared?

Are you prepared for the next weather emergency or disaster? Hopefully we won't have a week with an earthquake and hurricane in it again any time soon, but the reality is that disasters can and will strike, often without any advance warning. September is National Emergency Preparedness Month and this month is also the height of hurricane season. Make sure that you have basic supplies to handle power outages, and other types of emergencies. At a minimum your supply kit should have food, water, battery operated radio, flashlights, and first aid supplies to see you through the first 48-72 hours following a disaster. To receive email and text message updates during emergencies, register for Alert Bowie by calling 301-809-3032 or visiting the City's website.

Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Training for Women

The Bowie Police Department is offering a course in self defense for women. The course consists of five classes held at the Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive, on Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on September 19th, 26th, October 3rd, 10th, and 17th. Another course will be held on Wednesday evenings on September 21st, 28th, October 5th, and 12th. To register call 301-575-2015.

The Rape Aggression Defense System is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The R.A.D. System is a comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. R.A.D is not a martial Arts program.

Vintage Baseball Game in Bowie – September 25

Sandlot baseball has always been an important part of Bowie's "recreational history". Teams formed in Huntington in the 1930's and 40's; competition was stiff and friendly! Blacksox Park in Mitchellville was the home of the Mitchellville Tigers and the Washington Blacksox, two local African American teams. Today, the 70-acre Blacksox Park and its five fields, dedicated in 1996, is a constant reminder of our baseball heritage. On Sunday, September 25, join the City Museums to celebrate this important aspect of Bowie's history at Huntington South Field, 13299 11th Street, on Rt. 564 at 2 p.m. The Chesapeake and Potomac Base Ball Club will recreate the style of play enjoyed in the late 19th century. "Ballists," as they were called, will wear old-style uniforms and will use equipment and rules from the period. Don't miss a fun afternoon for all ages. Admission is free. Seating is limited, so do bring a comfy lawn chair and enjoy. Fans may bring NON-ALCOHOLIC beverages. Peanuts will be available. For more information, please contact the Museums Office at 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

Belair at Bowie Sock Hop

As part of our year long celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Belair at Bowie, the Bowie Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the City of Bowie, will host a sock hop in October. Entertainment will be provided by Gene Vincent and the Cadillac Cruisers, one of the area's premiere bands. Over the years the group has opened for performers such as the Beach Boys and Chuck Berry and done backup for a host of other nationally known performers.

We invite those of all ages to dance the night away at this special event to celebrate the early years of Belair at Bowie. The event takes place on Saturday, October 15th from 7 – 10 p.m. at the Bowie Senior Center. Tickets are \$25 per person and include light refreshments and entertainment. A cash bar will be available. Tickets may be purchased by contacting the Bowie Chamber of Commerce 301-262-0920 or the Belair Mansion (301-809-3089).

Bowie Youth & Family Services Groups Beginning Soon

Girls Count! A Group for Teens - Every girl struggles with complex issues in today's world. Teens discuss topics that matter to them and gain tools to cope and support each other. (Mondays starting in October for 10 weeks, 4-5:30 p.m. Fee: \$120) For information and registration, contact Bowie Youth & Family Services at 301-809-3033.

- **Happy Moms, Healthy Babies** - Teen mothers (age 17 – 22) and their babies up to 18 months old meet weekly to discuss the joys and the difficulties of motherhood. Join other women in similar situations to share knowledge and provide support. (Mondays starting in October)

- **Active Parenting** - A popular 7-week group for parents that focuses on learning practical skills to help develop cooperation and responsibility in your child. (Tuesdays starting in October, 7-9 p.m.)

- **ADHD/ADD Education** - Two groups run simultaneously: Adults learn about AD(H)D and new ways to help their child. Children, ages 8-11, focus on improving social skills. (Wednesdays starting in October, 7-8:30 p.m. Fee: \$105/Family)

Teen Job Bank

Bowie Youth & Family Services needs teens who are willing to take jobs to tutor or offer homework help to sign up with the Teen Job Bank. Please call 301-908-3033. Also, Bowie Youth & Family Services is updating the Teen Job Bank. If you would like to stay on the list but have not been contacted, please call 301-809-3033.

Absentee Ballot Applications Available for November 8, 2011 City Election

Any City voter who may be unavoidably absent from the City or who is otherwise prevented from being present and personally voting at the polls may make application for an absentee voting ballot. Applications are available from the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, or on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org. Application for an absentee ballot must be made in writing and signed by the applicant. If the applicant is unable to sign, the application must bear the mark of the applicant. The **application** must be presented to the City Board of Elections in person or by mail to 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, Maryland 20716, no later than **5 p.m. on November 7th**. All absentee **ballots** must be received by the Board of Elections by the closing of polls at **8 p.m. on November 8, 2011**. For more information, contact the City Clerk at 301-809-3029 or pflaming@cityofbowie.org.

Events

9/2-9/10 – “The Foreigner” at Bowie Playhouse Weekends at Bowie Playhouse located in Whitmarsh Park. The Foreigner is an inspired comic romp. Based on what the New York Post describes as a "devilishly clever idea," the play demonstrates what can happen when a group of devious characters must deal with a stranger who (they think) knows no English. Presented by 2nd Star Productions, 301-832-4819.

9/9 – Remembering and Honoring 9/11 10:30 a.m. at Bowie Senior Center. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes. For more information, please contact the Center at 301-809-2300.

9/10 – Community Shredding & Styrofoam Recycling Event 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the parking lot at Bowie High School. Bowie residents are invited to bring up to five boxes or five kitchen sized garbage bags of papers to be shredded. For more information, call 301-809-2344.

9/10 – Campfire Stories with Bowie Rangers 6 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Come join your friendly Park Ranger for some outdoor fun and learning. Enjoy nature, stories, and meeting new friends. For children of all ages. Activities require adult chaperones. Free. Registration is required. For registration and more information, please contact 301-809-2397 or amartinek@cityofbowie.org.

9/11 – Salute to America Concert 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. The City's Sunday Sunset Concert Series will conclude with this very special concert. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

9/13 – Kids Kaboose 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun and games for youngsters ages 1-11. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

9/16-10/1 – “Born Yesterday” at Bowie Playhouse Weekends at Bowie Playhouse located in Whitmarsh Park. The story of Billie Dawn, an ex-showgirl, who comes to Washington, D.C. with her lover Harry Brock, a crooked businessman. Brock wants to use Billie to help him “buy” a congressman so he hires newspaperman Paul Verrall to make her classy and soften her rough edges. The plan backfires when Billie falls in love with Paul and realizes Brock is a crook. Presented by Prince George's Little Theatre, 301-937-7458 or www.pgl.t.org.

9/17 Bowie Health Fair 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at various venues on Health Center Drive

9/18 – Bowie Farmer's Market “Agriculture Day” 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the parking lot of the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts, 15200 Annapolis Road. Farm animal petting zoo, 9:30 – 11 a.m. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

9/19 –Regular City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall.

9/20 – How to Prevent Falls 6 p.m. at Bowie Senior Center. Discover four exercises and a supplement that prevents falls. For more information, please contact the Center at 301-809-2300.

9/23 – Bonsai Show 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Bowie Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Center at 301-809-2300.

9/24 – Registration Begins for Series I Group Skating Lessons Bowie Ice Arena. Classes will start in October. Classes for all ages and levels will be offered on Thursday afternoons and Friday and Saturday mornings. If you are interested in being placed on the mailing list to receive the detailed schedule and registration information, please contact the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090 or crobertson@cityofbowie.org.

9/24 – An 1861 Afternoon Outing 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Join the members of the Atlantic Guard Soldiers Aid Society in Belair Mansion's garden as they celebrate the Confederate victory at Manassas (First Manassas/Bull Run) in July 1861. 19th century games, conversation, sewing, reading and relaxing – typical outdoor activities from the period – will be on the agenda. Discuss the recent battle and news of the (1861) day beyond the battle. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

9/24 – Stories of History 6:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Come join your friendly Park Ranger for some outdoor fun and learning. Enjoy nature, stories, and meeting new friends. For children of all ages. Activities require adult chaperones. Free. Registration is required. For registration and more information, please contact 301-809-2397 or amartinek@cityofbowie.org.

9/25 – Take Me Out to the Ballgame 2 p.m. at Huntington South Park (MD Rt. 564) Vintage baseball game with the Chesapeake and Potomac Vintage Base Ball Club. Bowie has a long association with baseball, from the Blacksox to the Bowie Baysox. Join the fun and enjoy the history...and the peanuts! Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

9/28 – Ballet Theatre of Maryland 12:30 p.m. at Bowie Senior Center. Short performance, open to public. For more information, please contact the Center at 301-809-2300.

9/29 – Zoomobile 6:30 p.m. at Bowie Senior Center. Grandparents bring grandchildren! Registration needed. For registration and more information, please contact the Center at 301-809-2300.