

Bowie News Flash

July 2012

News

Yard Waste Rules Relaxed

The rules for yard waste are temporarily relaxed. Residents should bring tree branches that were knocked down by the storm to the curb. All storm debris will be picked up, but when possible we request that the limbs be cut down to manageable size and bundled or put in a trash can (50 lb. limit). Pick-up may occur at any time during the next 2-3 weeks.

Beat the Heat at the Bowie Ice Arena

The Ice Arena reopened July 7th after a 2-month hiatus for maintenance. Summer skating camps are underway. Half-day and full-day camps are available for children 3-15 years of age.

New City Website Launched

On July 2, 2012, the City introduced a new website. The web address is the same (www.cityofbowie.org) but the look and functionality of the site are new. We think you'll find it easier to navigate and easier on the eyes. It also has a new "I Want To" section that allows visitors to find information they need or conduct business more efficiently. It will also detect when users are coming into the site from a smart phone or other mobile device and automatically adjust the screen for those devices. We invite you to check it out and let us know what you think by emailing webmaster@cityofbowie.org.

Calling All Bowie Artists, Crafters, and Performers

The arts-friendly City of Bowie is home to a number of artists, crafts persons, and performers. To celebrate the unique talents of our hometown artistic community, the City's Arts and Economic Development Committees want to create a database of information about our local artistic community. The City then plans to use the data in two ways: a Bowie Artists Directory and possible application to the State of Maryland for designation as an Arts and Entertainment District. We ask that members of our artistic community complete the survey, found at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/bowieartists2012> by **August 30, 2012**.

Have a Party at the Bowie Skate Park

The City now offers rental of the "event pad" at the Bowie Skate Park for activities such as birthday parties, etc. For more information, contact Matt Reno, Department of Community Services, at 301-809-3076 or mreno@cityofbowie.org.

New Administrative Hours for Bowie Police Department

The Bowie Police Department has expanded its administrative hours to better serve the community. The new administrative hours are **Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.** Administrative offices will be closed on the weekend and all holidays.

Preparing for Emergencies

The June 29 derecho storm caused a host of problems for local residents, but most especially for those who experienced multi-day power outages in the midst of sweltering heat. Hopefully Bowie won't experience anything like that again or at least any time soon, but the possibility of severe weather always exists during thunderstorm and hurricane season. We encourage residents to learn from this experience and start preparing now -- before the next storm strikes.

Make sure you have a battery operated radio, flashlights and lanterns, a first aid kit, a car charger for your cell phone, and the information you need to get you through a disaster. Plan now for how you will care for loved ones (including pets) when the power is out, especially those with special needs.

Are You Registered to Receive Alerts from the City of Bowie?

Keep up-to-date with what's going on in Bowie by receiving text or email alerts from Alert Bowie. Alert categories include emergency weather information, traffic updates, crime alerts, and informational messages about jobs, government closings, city events and more. There's no cost to register but you may incur text message fees from your cellular phone provider. Register at <http://alert.cityofbowie.org>. For more information, call 301-809-3032 or email ucooper@cityofbowie.org.

Events

7/9 – City Council Meeting - 8 p.m. at City Hall.

7/10 – Tuesday Time Travelers - Get In the Game 10:30 a.m. at Belair Mansion. Young historians are invited to enjoy 18th and 19th century games and amusements. Ages 4-11. No reservations required. Free. For more information, please call 301-809-3089 or email museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

7/11 – Belly Dancing Workshop 10 - 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Center at 301-809-2300.

7/13-28 – “Love, Sex and the IRS” at Bowie Playhouse Jon and Leslie are struggling, out-of-work musicians, living in New York City. To save money they have been filing their taxes as a married couple, but they are not married. This is the story of what happens when the IRS discovers their duplicity and launches an investigation. Add to the mix a cheating fiancée, a meddling mother, and a jealous ex-girlfriend and you have a crazy comedy with twists of fate, sight gags, mistaken identities and hilarious comic lines – an uproarious comedy! Presented by Bowie Community Theatre, 301-805-0219 or www.BCTheatre.com.

7/14 – Saturday Concert Series - Joe Tichy 2 - 4 p.m. at Town Green Park, 9th Street (MD Route 564). These free concerts will be presented “in the heart of the antique district” in Old Town Bowie. Concerts are canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

7/15 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series - Bottle of Blues 7 - 8 p.m. Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. These concerts offer relaxing entertainment for the entire family. All concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

7/17 – 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 call 301-809-3089 or email museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

7/18 – Laughter Yoga: Ten Reasons to Laugh for No Reason 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. Laughter is a stress buster; laughter strengthens the immune system; laughter is anti-aging; it tones muscles and increases blood supply; laughter is aerobic exercise; laughter is internal jogging; laughter is a natural pain killer; laughter helps control high blood pressure; laughter reduces depression and anxiety; and laughter improves bronchitis and asthma. You do not have to be happy to act happy. Join us for a free session of Laughter Yoga with Cathy Lacey. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

7/19 – Be Tech Savvy at the Senior Center 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. Join Danielle Edelen, a representative from Best Buy, as she shows you how to use an e-reader. If you have one, bring it! For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

7/21 – Saturday Concert Series – Project Natale 2 - 4 p.m. at Town Green Park, 9th Street (MD Route 564). These free concerts will be presented “in the heart of the antique district” in Old Town Bowie. Concerts are canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

7/22 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – The Shades 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. These concerts offer relaxing entertainment for the entire family. All concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

7/26 – Discover the Most Effective Exercise Program 11 - 11:45 a.m. at the Senior Center. Join Wellness Coordinator Mark Shields as we discuss how to get the most out of your new or old exercise routine. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

7/26 – Discover Ways to Enhance Any Exercise Program’s Effectiveness 7 - 8 p.m. at the Senior Center. If you’re an intermediate or advanced exerciser, this session is for you. Discover how to know when it’s time to make changes to your program to enhance results. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

7/28 – Saturday Concert Series – Delta Loco 2 - 4 p.m. at Town Green Park, 9th Street (MD Route 564). These free concerts will be presented “in the heart of the antique district” in Old Town Bowie. Concerts are canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

7/29 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – The Back Pages Band 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. These concerts offer relaxing entertainment for the entire family. All concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.