



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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Make Sure Bowie Counts!

The Census is coming this spring. The 2020 Census will be the first one to be completed electronically or by telephone. You should start receiving information about the Census by mail in the next few weeks and around March 12 the website will be available to complete your census online. This 10-year census helps to determine funding levels for schools, transportation, and a variety of other programs. Getting a complete count is critically important to making sure that Bowie gets its share of funding.

Learn more about the upcoming census at www.2020census.gov. If you would like to volunteer to help make sure that Bowie gets completely counted, email publicinfo@cityofbowie.org or call 301-809-3032.

City Council Meetings to Note

- **March 2** City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. South Lake Detailed Site Plan #DSP-19023, South Lake Detailed Site Plan #DSP-19024, Countywide Sectional Map Amendment
- **March 16** City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Traffic Calming Device Criteria

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

Accepting Nominations for City's Hall of Honor

The Hall of Honor was developed to recognize those citizens of Bowie who have made "major and lasting contributions" to the City. A nominee must be deceased for at least one year as of the nomination deadline, have made both a major and lasting contribution to the City of Bowie, and have been a resident of the City, either during the time of their contribution or at the time of their death. For information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org. Nomination forms are available at www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms. Nominations must be received at City Hall by 5 p.m. on **March 9, 2020**.

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>.

A 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.

Malcolm "Skip" Popp Award

The Community Outreach Committee is accepting nominations for the Malcolm "Skip" Popp Award. This award recognizes Scouts and/or Scout Leaders who have rendered "extraordinary and distinguished" community service within Scout organizations in the City of Bowie during calendar year 2019. To be eligible for this award, Scouts or Scout Leaders must be affiliated with a Scouting group within the limits of the City of Bowie, and/or a Scouting group for which 50% or more of their youth members are City of Bowie residents. They must also be registered with the Boy Scouts of America or Girl Scouts, USA. Please see the nomination form for details regarding eligibility criteria and information required. The deadline is Friday, **March 20, 2020**. Nomination forms may be found at www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms or at City Hall. For more information, contact Sharon Hunt at shunt1@verizon.net or 301-802-0714, or Lori Cunningham at lcunningham@cityofbowie.org or 240-544-5601.

Green Bowie

Lightbulbs and Libations at Crescent Wine & Spirits On **March 17**, 4 - 6 p.m., properly dispose of your old mercury Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFLs) at this lightbulb exchange! Bring up to ten CFLs and City staff will provide you with one LED bulb. For more information, contact Ashleigh Armentrout at 301-809-3044 or aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org.

Weed Warrior Workday On **March 28**, join members of the Bowie Green Team and volunteer in the community to remove English Ivy from trees. English Ivy is an invasive species that hurts trees so we work to remove it from our local parks. All Weed Warrior Workdays are at Whitmarsh Park, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Please contact Ashleigh Armentrout at aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org to register and to learn more. This is an SSL hour opportunity.

Student Scholarships

The City Council believes it is important to recognize and help students when it can. There are two City scholarship programs available:

Art Scholarships awarded to graduating high school seniors who will be pursuing studies in an arts-related field. Deadline is **March 9, 2020**.

Education Scholarships awarded to graduating high school seniors who have excelled during their high school career. Students should contact the Guidance Department at their school as soon as possible in order to be considered for this scholarship. Deadline is **March 9, 2020**.

Scholarship applications for high school seniors with Bowie addresses are now available. For information about either scholarship program, please contact Lori Cunningham at 240-544-5601 or lcunningham@cityofbowie.org.

Planning a Home Improvement?

Are you planning a home improvement? Building permits from Prince George's County and the City of Bowie are required to ensure proper construction and compliance with community standards. Projects requiring permits include: addition, deck, driveway extension or replacement with different material, fence, porch (new or enclosing), sign, shed and solar panels.

Failing to obtain permits can be very expensive and frustrating, especially when a structure has to be removed because it does not comply with County or City standards. Do not take a chance; check before you build. For more information, please contact the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 or visit www.cityofbowie.org/codecompliance.

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. Online registration opens in early March at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org. For more information, contact Frank Stevens at 301-809-3053 or fstevens@cityofbowie.org.

Bowie City Schools Youth Art Show City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through April 2020. Free and open to the public.

Fences weekends 3/13 - 3/29 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: 301-805-0219 or www.bctheatre.com.

For more information, contact Lori Cunningham at lcunningham@cityofbowie.org or 240-544-5601.

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

FAIRY TALE FUN 3/10, 10 - 11 a.m. Belair Mansion Ages 2-8, with adult. Stories, snack and a craft. Free

WOMEN'S HISTORY SERIES: THE LADY EDITOR - SARAH JOSEPHA HALE 3/14, 1 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

DAR LECTURE SERIES: NEWS BROADCASTING DURING WWII 3/10, 7:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

WINE N' DESIGN: SPRING WREATH 3/20, 7 p.m. Belair Mansion \$25 Advance reservation required. Space is limited.

ADULTS 55+

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

CREATIVE COLORING 3/12, 10 a.m.

"IN A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN" PANEL DISCUSSION 3/12, 12:30 p.m.

"SHOW STOPPERS" VARIETY SHOW 3/19, 12:30 p.m.

BOWIE SENIOR MAGIC SHOW 3/20, 12:30 p.m.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR WIDOWED PERSONS 4/16-5/21, 2 p.m. Preregister

ICE ARENA

3330 Northview Drive
301-809-3090
www.cityofbowie.org/icearena

SUMMER CAMP Registration begins **3/15**. Full and half day camps for ages 3 and older, all levels.

Full Day Skate Camp - Ages 6 and older July 13-17 and August 17-21, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Half Day Small Skate Camp - Ages 3 - 8 July 27-31 and August 3-7, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Advanced Camps - Call for information

APRIL GROUP LESSONS Registration begins **3/19** All ages and levels

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

MORNING WALKING Weekdays, 8:30 - 10 a.m.

SENIOR FIT Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 - 10 a.m.

PICKLEBALL Tuesday and Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

COED RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL Friday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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