

# Bowie News Flash

**May 2012**

## News

### **Youth Leadership Bowie**

The Youth Leadership Bowie program is designed to provide young people with experiential leadership opportunities while exposing them to different career paths. Networking and relationship building are key components of this year-long program that motivates participants to get involved in their community. The program runs from September thru May. Participants meet one day per month for a group activity and complete a community service project. Students who live in the City or attend Bowie High and will be sophomores and juniors in the fall of 2012 are invited to apply. An application can be downloaded from the City website or from the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce website at [www.bowiechamber.org](http://www.bowiechamber.org). All applications must be received at the Chamber office by 4 p.m. on **Friday, May 4, 2012**.

### **Hydrant Flushing Continues**

The Bowie Public Works Department continues its annual fire hydrant flushing and testing program in areas served by City water through May 8<sup>th</sup>. Hydrant flushing will occur from approximately 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., according to the following schedule:

May 1	Chapel Forge
May 2	Victoria Heights, Race Track Road Townhouses
May 3	Idlewild
May 4	Yorktown and Overbrook
May 7	Whitehall
May 8	Rockledge

During flushing, some discoloration of your water may occur, so clothes washing is discouraged. If your clothes do become discolored, keep them wet and rewash them using a rust remover. Rust remover will be available, at no cost, from City Hall and the Public Works office. The water is safe for drinking and bathing even though it may be discolored. The discoloration is a result of rust and sediment buildup 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 sections could affect your water as well. For more information, please call the Public Works Department at 301-809-2336.

### **Farmers' Market Opens**

The Bowie Farmers' Market opens for the season on **Sunday, May 20, 2012**. Market vendors offer fresh locally grown produce, fruit, cut flowers, plants, breads, pastries, jams, jellies and more. Be sure to pick up a Farmers' Market bag with a qualifying purchase. The market operates in the parking lot of the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts at Bowie High School, 15200 Annapolis Road on Sundays, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., through October 28, 2012. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

### **City Beautification Awards**

The City, in cooperation with Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton, is accepting nominations for the 17th Annual Beautification Awards. Anyone can nominate a home or townhouse, business, school, or specialty garden that reflects the beauty of Bowie. All nominations must be for locations within the corporate limits of Bowie. For more information or to obtain a nomination form, visit the City's website or contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

### **Keeping Recycling Carts and Refuse Cans Out of Sight**

Residents can improve the attractiveness of their neighborhood by storing refuse containers and recycling carts and bins out of sight and by following the rules about when containers are permitted to be at the curb.

According to our City Code, refuse and recycling containers must be stored in the rear of a property or out of sight. They may not be stored in front of a house, on the front porch, in front of a garage or anywhere that is visible from the street. Containers may be put out beginning at 5 p.m. on the evening before collection and must be taken from the curb and returned to their storage location by 10 p.m. on the collection day.

We encourage you to keep Bowie looking beautiful by taking pride in your neighborhood and following the rules on property maintenance. For more information about Code Compliance rules, please visit the Code Compliance section of the City website or contact the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008.

### **New Hours for Police Department Administrative Offices**

Beginning May 14, 2012, the administrative offices of the Bowie Police Department will be extended slightly as a convenience to the public. On Mondays and Fridays the hours will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Tuesdays through Thursdays the offices will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The administrative offices will remain closed on weekends and holidays.

### **Ticks and Lyme Disease**

The mild winter of 2011-2012 has allowed ticks to multiply, increasing the chance of spreading Lyme Disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. Individuals can take some precautions to protect themselves:

- Avoid tick infested areas, such as the woods and areas near woods.
- Wear protective clothing: light colored pants and long-sleeved shirts.
- If you will be in tick infested areas, use an insect repellent containing a 20-30% concentration of DEET for adults and 10% DEET for children.
- Check your pet regularly for ticks.
- Conduct a full body inspection daily for ticks and signs of a rash. If a rash should develop, contact your physician immediately.

For more information on ticks, Lyme Disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at <http://www.cdc.gov>

## **Please Return Your City Survey**

If you were one of the 2,200 residents randomly selected to complete our recent survey on City services, and you haven't done so yet, please take a few minutes to fill it out and drop it in the mail (it's free!). If you have already completed the survey, then we thank you for your time. Your feedback will help us to evaluate how we're doing and where we can improve services to our residents.

## **Events**

**5/4-12 – “Deathtrap” at Bowie Playhouse** This ingeniously constructed play offers a rare and skillfull blending of two priceless theatrical ingredients – gasp inducing thrills and spontaneous laughter. Dealing with a devious writer of thrillers whose recent offerings have been flops, and is prepared to go to any length to improve his fortune, it provides twists and turns and sudden shocks. Audiences will be held spellbound until the very last moment! Produced by Prince George's Little Theatre. For tickets and information, 301-937-7458 or [www.pgl.t.org](http://www.pgl.t.org).

**5/7 – “Putting Your Best Foot Forward: 18th Century Ladies Fashions” Brown Bag Lunch Lecture** 12 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Bring your lunch and enjoy a look at 18th century fashion with Curator Samantha Dorsey. Coffee and tea provided. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**5/7 – City Council Meeting - Public Hearing on Budget & Capital Improvements Program** 8 p.m. at City Hall.

**5/9 – City Council Budget Worksession #4** 8 p.m. at City Hall. Worksession topics include the City Manager's Office, Police Department, Finance Department and Nondepartmental.

**5/14 – City Council Budget Worksession #5** 8 p.m. at City Hall. Worksession includes Planning and Economic Development Department, Information Technology Department, Equipment Acquisition Fund, General Fund Summaries, Appendix and Wrap-up.

**5/15 – 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](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**5/16 – “Take it Easy” Tour of Belair Mansion** 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. Take a tour of Belair Mansion, without leaving your chair! Join Museums Manager Pam Williams, as she conducts an armchair tour of Bowie's crown jewel, the 1745 Belair Mansion. Relax and enjoy 270 years of Bowie history. Free. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**5/18 – Bike to Work Day** 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. at Bowie Town Center Food Court and Old Town Bowie Fire Station, 9<sup>th</sup> Street. This is a free event full of fun, food and prizes. Join thousands of area commuters and show your support for bicycling, by taking part in a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work. Be one of the first 11,000 to preregister at [www.biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org) and ride your bike to a Bowie pit stop for a Bike to Work Day T-shirt. For more information, contact Frank Stevens in the City's Planning Department at 301-809-3053 or [fstevens@cityofbowie.org](mailto:fstevens@cityofbowie.org).

**5/18 – Information Fair at the Senior Center** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. The event is free and will include local businesses, nonprofit organizations and government agencies. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**5/20 – 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowie Heritage Day** 12 - 4 p.m. Visit the Railroad Museum, Welcome Center, Mansion and Stable for fun heritage activities – including free pony rides. Author Kimberly Gatto will be on hand to celebrate the publication of her new book “The Belair Stud.” The author will sign copies of the book for those who purchase it. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**5/20 – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowling Tournament to Benefit Bowie Police Explorers Post 1916** 12 - 4 p.m. at Crofton Bowling Center, 2115 Priest Bridge Road, Crofton. This event is sponsored by the Bowie Police Department and the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce. Sign up your team now. \$20 per person. Registration forms available online at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) or [www.bowiechamber.org](http://www.bowiechamber.org) or call the Police Department at 301-575-2480.

**5/21 – City Council Meeting - Adoption of Budget and Capital Improvements Program** 8 p.m. at City Hall.

**5/25 – Senior Chorale Spring Concert** 7:30 p.m. at Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. The spring show is titled “This is Our Country” featuring patriotic folksongs, gospel hymns, and other spirited musical selections that highlight this great land of ours. Tickets for the performance are \$6 and are available at the Senior Center.

**5/26 – Memorial Day Weekend Parade** 11 a.m. The parade begins at Bowie High School Annex, 3021 Belair Drive. Join family, friends and neighbors as we pay tribute to America’s heroes! The parade will feature marching bands, veterans groups, active service members and many other local organizations. The Parade will proceed along Belair Drive to Sussex Lane, to Stonybrook Drive to Sage Lane. The reviewing stand, along with concession stands and restrooms, will be located in Acorn Hill Park on Stonybrook Drive. For information, visit the City website or call 301-809-3078.

**5/27 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – U.S. Navy Band Cruisers** 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. The summer concert season kicks off with a performance by this high energy, fun-filled band that plays a range of music from jazz, rhythm & blues, classic rock, adult contemporary and pop as well as original material. These family-friendly concerts are held Sunday evenings, and 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](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

**5/28 – Memorial Day Holiday** – City offices and the Senior Center will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday. There will be no refuse or recycling collection on this date.