

# Bowie News Flash

**April 2012**

## **News**

### **Maryland Primary Election Day – Tuesday, April 3rd**

There will be a Primary Election in Maryland on **Tuesday, April 3, 2012**. For more information about this election, contact the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020 or visit <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/elections>.

### **Hydrant Flushing Begins April 9**

The Bowie Public Works Department will begin its annual fire hydrant flushing and testing program in areas served by City water. Hydrant flushing will occur from approximately 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., according to the following schedule:

APRIL 9 & 10	Buckingham, Derbyshire & Forest Drive
APRIL 11 & 12	Somerset & Bowie Forest
APRIL 13 & 16	Tulip Grove
APRIL 17	Foxhill & Long Ridge
APRIL 18, 19 & 20	Kenilworth
APRIL 23	Heather Hills
APRIL 24 & 25	Meadowbrook
APRIL 26 & 27	Meadowbrook
APRIL 30	Gradys Walk & Glenridge
MAY 1	Chapel Forge
MAY 2	Victoria Heights, Race Track Road Townhouses
MAY 3	Idlewild
MAY 4	Yorktown & Overbrook
MAY 7	Whitehall
MAY 8	Rockledge

Some discoloration of your water may occur and clothes washing is discouraged. If your clothes become discolored, keep them wet and rewash them using a rust remover. Rust remover will be available, at no cost, from City Hall and Public Works offices. 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.

### **Bowie Green Expo - Saturday, April 14**

The Bowie Lions Club, the City of Bowie and the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce are joining forces to sponsor the Second Annual Green Expo. This year's Expo will take place on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the Kenhill Center (2614 Kenhill Drive) from 1 to 4 p.m. The Green Expo is a three-hour, community-wide, family-oriented, free event featuring local environmental agencies, nonprofits, and local and regional businesses offering green products or services. Learn about a greener lifestyle from local businesses wanting to share their products and services while reducing your carbon footprint. Vendors scheduled are MOM's Organic Market, Natural Lawn of America, Patuxent Nursery, Bumba and Sommerscapes Landscaping, just to list a few. New this year will be the Anne Arundel Medical Center mobile blood unit collecting blood. For more information, visit [www.bowiegreenexpo.org](http://www.bowiegreenexpo.org).

### **Prescription Drug Take Back Event**

Safely dispose of old prescription and over-the-counter drugs at this Prescription Take Back Event on April 28, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.. The event is hosted by the Bowie Police and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Drop-off locations are the Bowie Police Department (15901 Excalibur Road) and the Bowie Senior Center (14900 Health Center Drive). For more information, contact Officer Henderson of the Bowie Police Department at 301-575-1824.

### **2012 Street Sweeping Schedule**

Street sweeping is underway. Between March and October of this year, all City streets will receive multiple cleanings according to the 2012 Street Sweeping Schedule. Residents are asked to remove cars from the street during the weeks that their neighborhood is scheduled to be swept. Residents can view the schedule on our website or call 301-809-2344 to learn the schedule for their neighborhood.

### **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 GBCC website, [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.

### **City of Bowie Job Fair**

The City will host a job fair on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the City Gymnasium. Private and public sector employers with current openings are being recruited to participate. A list of confirmed employer participants will be posted on our website soon. For more information about the job fair, please call the City of Bowie Human Resources Department at 301-809-3003.

## **Recognizing Local Businesses**

The City of Bowie and the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Recognition Program. Nominations are sought in the following categories: Small Business of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year, Business of the Year, Green Business of the Year, and Community Service Award. If you know a business deserving of one of these honors and would like to nominate them, please contact Kelly Pierce at [kelly@bowiechamber.org](mailto:kelly@bowiechamber.org) or John Henry King at [jhking@cityofbowie.org](mailto:jhking@cityofbowie.org). The deadline for nominations is Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Emergency Preparedness Presentations**

We are approaching the season for tornadoes, hurricanes and tropical storms. If one of these severe storms were to strike Bowie today, would you have the information and supplies you need to help you and your family get through the disaster safely? The City of Bowie can help you prepare by bringing our emergency preparedness presentation to your local club or organization. Please contact Alan Creveling at 301-809-3079 or [acreveling@cityofbowie.org](mailto:acreveling@cityofbowie.org) or Una Cooper at [ucooper@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ucooper@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3032 to schedule a presentation for your group.

## **Events**

**4/2 – “Curator’s Corner” Silver Lecture and Polishing Workshop** – 10 a.m. at Belair Mansion. Call 301-809-3089 or email [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org) for more information.

**4/2-6 – Washington Wizards/Mystics Basketball Camp** – 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Bowie Gymnasium. For boys and girls ages 8 - 15 years. For more information and registration, call 202-292-1979 or visit [www.wizardsmysticscamps.com](http://www.wizardsmysticscamps.com).

**4/2 – Regular City Council Meeting** – 8 p.m. at City Hall.

**4/7 – 2012 Community Summer Camp Fair** – 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Bowie Gymnasium. The Camp Fair is free and open to the public. It is a great opportunity to learn about summer programs and activities for children. For more information, contact the Bowie Gym at 301-809-2388.

**4/9 – “Tiptoe Through the Tulips: A Visit to Some 18<sup>th</sup> Century Gardens” Brown Bag Lunch Lecture** – 12 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Bring your lunch and explore 18th century gardens with Museums Manager Pam Williams (a non-gardener!). Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**4/9 – City Council Meeting - Budget & CIP Introduction and Budget Worksession #1** – 8 p.m. at City Hall. General Fund Revenues, CIP and Capital Projects Fund will be reviewed.

**4/10 – Showstoppers Variety Show at the Senior Center** – 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Back by popular demand, the South County Senior Center Showstoppers will entertain and delight us with a dazzling performance that you won't want to miss! They will share their talents through singing, dancing, comedy and more. For more information, call the Center at 301-809-2300.

**4/10 – “Secrets of the American Flag” Second Tuesday Lecture** – 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. National Park Service Interpreter Vince Vaise from Ft. McHenry will discuss “Old Glory.” Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**4/12-14 – “Romeo and Juliet” at Bowie Playhouse.** Young lovers are driven to turn their backs on their entire social world by an unyielding, powerful emotion that sweeps individuals into a collision against their world, and against themselves. This superb cast of young actors will take you on an emotional journey from the opening dialogue to the play’s tragic conclusion. There will be a talk-back with the actors after the Saturday matinee performance. Produced by the Annapolis Shakespeare Company. Performances are Thursday at 7 p.m., Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2 and 7:30 p.m. For tickets, visit [www.AnnapolisShakespeare.org](http://www.AnnapolisShakespeare.org) or call 301-836-1620.

**4/14 – Green Expo** – 1 - 4 p.m. at the Kenhill Center. Attend this community-wide, family-oriented, free event featuring local environmental agencies, nonprofits, and local and regional businesses offering green products or services. Learn about a greener lifestyle while reducing your carbon footprint from local businesses wanting to share their products and services. For more information, visit [www.bowiegreenexpo.org](http://www.bowiegreenexpo.org).

**4/14 – American Red Cross Blood Drive** at the Bowie Senior Center, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Call the Red Cross for appointments at 1-800-REDCROS.

**4/16 – Regular City Council Meeting & Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget & CIP** 8 p.m. at City Hall.

**4/17 – Kids Kaboose** – 10:30 a.m. - noon at the Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun, trainspotting and games for youngsters ages 1-11. Free. No reservations required. For more information, please contact 301-575-2488 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**4/17 – “Entertainment and Recreation” Seniors Hot Topics** – 6 p.m. at the Senior Center. Welcome your senior years by providing yourself with opportunities to learn new skills, pursue new adventures, develop new passions or explore old ones. Resources are available from professionals in all areas to keep you active and help you to get the most out of life. For more information, call the Center at 301-809-2300.

**4/18 – City Council Budget Worksession #2** – 8 p.m. at City Hall. The Public Works Department and the Water and Sewer Fund budgets will be reviewed.

**4/21 – Stream Cleanup** – 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at various streams across the City. Come out and celebrate Earth Day weekend with your neighbors and friends. To sign up for the cleanup or for more information, contact Tiffany Wright in the Planning Department at [twright@cityofbowie.org](mailto:twright@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3043.

**4/21 – Young Actor’s Shakespeare Festival at Bowie Playhouse.** The festival is an all-day event and is open to area students ages 13-22. Students will participate in master classes conducted by Sally Boyett-D'Angelo, Artistic Director of the Annapolis Shakespeare Company and Paul E. Hope, Teaching Artist from the Folger Theatre, Shakespeare Theatre and Kennedy Center. Students will be encouraged to present a 1-2 minute monologue or a 3-5 minute duet scene for a panel of distinguished adjudicators. Along with presenting awards for excellence in each category, the judges will offer valuable feedback and the students will have an opportunity to immerse themselves into the world of Shakespeare in a fun, encouraging, educational environment with theatre professionals. Presented by the Annapolis Shakespeare Company. Register at 301-836-1620 or [www.AnnapolisShakespeare.org](http://www.AnnapolisShakespeare.org).

**4/23 – City Council Budget Worksession #3** – 8 p.m. at City Hall. The budget for the Community Services Department will be reviewed.

**4/27 – Job Fair at the Bowie Gymnasium** – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Job seekers are invited to a job fair organized by the City of Bowie. Private and public sector employers with current openings are being recruited to participate. A list of confirmed employer participants will be posted on our website soon. For more information about the job fair, please call the City of Bowie Human Resources Department at 301-809-3003.

**4/27-5/12 – “Deathtrap” at Bowie Playhouse.** This ingeniously constructed play offers a rare and skillful 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. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays. For tickets and information, call 301-937-7458 or visit [www.pgl.t.org](http://www.pgl.t.org).

**4/28 – Celebrate Arbor Day** – 10 a.m. at Acorn Hill Park, located at the corner of Sage Lane and Stonybrook Drive. This is the 20th consecutive year that the City has been honored as a Tree City USA. For more information, contact Community Forester Rick Kellner at [rkellner@cityofbowie.org](mailto:rkellner@cityofbowie.org).

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