



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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National Night Out Against Crime - August 3

Join neighbors, the Bowie Police Department, other public safety friends, and community organizations and businesses on **Tuesday, August 3, 6 - 8 p.m.** at Allen Pond Park (3330 Northview Drive) for this year's National Night Out Against Crime.

This nationwide "block party" helps to enhance relationships between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. It's free fun for the whole family and a good night to get to know your neighbors. Enjoy music, food, games, displays, and more!

For additional information, please contact **240-544-5792** or COPS@cityofbowie.org.

City Council Meeting to Note

- **August 2** Council Meeting, 8 p.m. City Transportation Priority Lists

City Council meetings are now in-person and open to the public. You may also view them at www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings on FIOS Channel 10 or Comcast Channels 71 and 996 or Youtube @CityofBowieMD. Those wishing to submit written testimony electronically may do so by emailing it to cityclerk@cityofbowie.org (It will not be read during the meeting, but will be included as part of the record.). Testimony must be received by 7 p.m. on the day of the meeting. For more information, contact City Clerk Awilda Hernandez at **301-809-3029**.

Join a City Committee Today

Would you like to learn more about City government, share your talents with the Bowie community, and meet others with similar interests? Are you interested in serving on a City committee? If so, check out the vacancy list below and visit www.cityofbowie.org/committees to find out more!

There are now several new vacancies on usually filled committees. Current vacancies include seats on the following committees: Advisory Planning Board, Arts, Board of Elections, Community Outreach, Community Recreation, Diversity, Education, Environmental Advisory, Financial Advisory, Green Team, IT, and Public Safety. For more information, contact cityclerk@cityofbowie.org or **301-809-3029**.

Emergency Food Assistance

The City of Bowie will distribute non-perishable groceries to residents in need every Saturday in August, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Kenhill Center (2614 Kenhill Drive). Residents must show proof of City residency (a piece of mail or state-issued ID). Events will be drive-thru; volunteers will load food and residents will remain in their vehicles. For more information, please contact program coordinator Kay Starr at **301-809-3009** or cobcares@cityofbowie.org.

Sustainability Webinar Series

Butterfly and Bee Habitat on Your Property, August 11 at 3 p.m. Learn about how to attract butterflies and bees on your property in an easy and realistic way. Hosted by Elmer Dengler, ecologist and member of the Environmental Advisory Committee. Register: <https://bowie.fyi/btrflybees>

Learn About Community Solar, August 23 at 6 p.m. Panels on your roof are not your only option! Learn about community solar and see how it might work for you. Register: <https://bowie.fyi/commsolar>

Weed Warrior Workday - August 28

Join members of the Bowie Green Team as they remove invasive English Ivy from Trees in **White-marsh Park** (SSL hours opportunity). The Workday runs from **9 a.m. - 12 p.m.** and hands-on training and tools are provided. The Workday is limited to 30 participants; preregister at adiaz@cityofbowie.org.

Mental Health Matters

Mental health concerns have been prevalent in our community as pressures on kids, teens and parents have increased. According to the Center for Disease Control, more than 40% of respondents in a recent study reported mental health symptoms related to the current pandemic. Teens and young adults, in particular, were found to be at increased risk.

Here are some signs of stress that may indicate a need for help: changes in mood, lack of interest in once-loved activities, changes in friendships, changes in eating and sleep patterns, less attention to personal hygiene, and alcohol or other drug abuse.

Please know that you are not alone. If you are concerned for yourself or a loved one, affordable and confidential help is available:

- City of Bowie Youth and Family Services, **1-513-817-3158**
- Prince George's County Hotline, **301-864-7161**
- Suicide Prevention Hotline, **1-800-SUICIDE**
- Prince George's County Crisis Response Hotline, **301-429-2185**

Bowie Youth & Family Services Offers Counseling

Counselors at Bowie Youth & Family Services (BYFS) are available to help families and individuals during this stressful time. BYFS serves individuals, families and groups in the Bowie community. **We will also be offering counseling and stress management groups for tweens and teens who are experiencing stress due to the impending transition back to in-person instruction.**

We are also available to offer referrals and support by phone to all residents who are experiencing stress and who need assistance. Our staff members are licensed clinicians who each hold a graduate degree in a mental health specialty and who have years of training and experience in treating individuals and families. Call **1-513-817-3158** for assistance, or to arrange for an appointment. For more information, please visit www.cityofbowie.org/youthservices.

Bowie Teen Mentoring Program Needs Volunteers

When you volunteer to mentor a middle or high school student, you will spend one hour a week building a positive relationship that has the potential to change the course of a teen's school experience, their life, and your community! Find information and apply at www.cityofbowie.org/mentor.

Farmers' Market

The Farmers' Market is held in the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road) each Sunday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. through October 31, 2021. Information: mcorley@cityofbowie.org or **301-809-3078**

Sunday Sunset Concerts

The City's annual Sunday Sunset Concert series has returned to Allen Pond Park. Concerts are performed each Sunday, 7 - 8 p.m., through August. Concerts are cancelled in inclement weather. Information: www.cityofbowie.org/concerts, mcorley@cityofbowie.org or **301-809-3078**

Bowie Animal Control Wildlife Tips

If you are concerned that you are attracting too much wildlife to your yard, please consider these tips: Bird feeders, bird baths and other containers that hold water can attract different types of wildlife – not just birds. Dense ground cover offers shelter and protection to wildlife. Clear shrubbery and ground cover if you wish to discourage wildlife. Avoid using poisonous chemicals outdoors. Contact Bowie Animal Control at **301-809-3002** if you have questions or concerns regarding wildlife.

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

MUSEUM SUMMER FUN

August 9, 11 & 12, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Ages 9-11, with adult. Explore Bowie Museums. Space limited. Reservations required. Free

KIDS KABOOSE 8/13, 10:30 a.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 5 - 10, with adult. Free

WINE AND DESIGN

SEASHELL MONOGRAM WALL ART

8/20, 7 - 9 p.m. Belair Mansion \$25/person. Space limited. Reservations required.

FAIRY TALE FUN 8/25, 10 a.m. Belair Mansion Stories and craft. Ages 2 - 8, with adult. Free

COVID-19 guidelines observed.

ADULTS 55+

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

www.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter

Hours: Monday - Friday,
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Offerings:
Activity Calendar
Information & Referral Services
Transportation by Appointment
8/10, 12:30 p.m., Brain Games
8/24, 9:30 a.m., Play UNO

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388
www.cityofbowie.org/gym

Basketball Camp - August 2-6, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., for boys and girls ages 8-14. Directed by former college basketball coaches with over 25 years experience running camps. Campers learn game fundamentals and enjoy individual instruction in a fun and safe environment. \$210/Bowie resident, \$225/nonresident.

ICE ARENA

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

Register now for week-long summer skating camps beginning 8/16 & 8/23 for ages 3-13.

Visit the monthly calendar for the schedule of public sessions, FREE Skate in the Shade events and \$2 Tuesday skates at www.cityofbowie.org/icearena.

Labor Day Holiday

City offices will be closed Monday, **September 6, 2021**. There will be no refuse or recycling service on this date. Service will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.

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