

# Bowie News Flash

**January 2013**

## **News**

### **Join the Chorus of Residents Supporting a Trader Joe's in Bowie**

The City Council believes that Trader Joe's would be an excellent addition to the grocery store offerings in Bowie. If you agree and would like to see Trader Joe's open their next store in Bowie, please go to our website and follow the link to make sure Trader Joe's management knows what you're thinking.

Never been to a Trader Joe's? There's one located in the shopping area behind Annapolis Mall. It is a small, upscale grocery store offering a variety of unusual healthy foods and products. For more information about economic development in the City of Bowie, contact John Henry King at 301-809-3042 or email [jhking@cityofbowie.org](mailto:jhking@cityofbowie.org).

### **Fire Chief Forum**

Prince George's County Fire Chief Marc Bashoor will host a community forum on fire and life safety in Bowie on Thursday, January 24, 2013 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. The forum takes place at the Kenhill Center (formerly City Hall), 2614 Kenhill Drive; light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Diana Fennell, Community Advisory Coordinator for the Fire Department, at 301-583-1937.

### **Call for Artists - Juried Art Exhibit**

The Arts Committee is sponsoring an open Juried Art Exhibit at City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road, on Saturday, January 12, 2013, for its upcoming art exhibit "Abstracts." Any artist residing in Maryland, Virginia or the District of Columbia, who is 18 years of age and older, is eligible to participate. The exhibit will hang from January 14, 2013 through March 16, 2013. For more information on requirements and an application form, check out the City of Bowie website and search for *art galleries*.

### **State of the City of Bowie**

Mayor G. Frederick Robinson will present his annual report on the State of the City to a gathering of business leaders on Wednesday, January 30 at 8:30 a.m. This event is sponsored by the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce and tickets are \$25 in advance for Chamber members or \$40 for non-members or at the door. Call 301-262-0920 for more information.

The speech will be rebroadcast on the City government channel (Verizon 10/Comcast 71) and will be available as a video on demand on the City website.

### **Bowie Police Department Offers R.A.D. Self-Defense Training for Women**

The R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) System is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. It is a comprehensive, women-only course and its primary focus is the realistic development of self-defense options for use before and during situations of imminent or actual attacks. R.A.D. is not a martial arts program. The course is taught by a nationally certified R.A.D. instructor. Each student receives a workbook/manual that outlines the program for reference and continuous personal growth. The next course is a series of five weekly classes on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information or to register for the class, please call the Police Department at 301-575-2015.

### **Christmas Tree Pickup**

Trees will be picked up every Wednesday in January with yard waste. Please make sure all lights and decorations are removed from the tree. Place your tree at the curb by 7 a.m.

### **Snow Removal**

A **Snow Emergency** is declared whenever snow reaches a depth of two inches. All vehicles must be removed from City streets when a snow emergency is in effect. The City begins plowing when the snow depth reaches two inches. All main drives, hills and collector streets are treated and/or plowed first. In the event of a snowfall less than two inches, all main drives, hills and collector streets are treated with salt and/or sand. Streets and cul-de-sacs that are flat or have only slight inclines with limited intersections are only treated in extreme icing conditions. During a snow or ice event only, it is acceptable to park your vehicle on your grass. Each resident is responsible for removing snow and/or ice from the sidewalk in front of their home. To report hazardous conditions within the City, call 301-809-2344. More information about the City's snow removal program can be found on the City's website.

### **City Program Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

The City will honor the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a short program on Saturday, **January 19, 2013** at 10 a.m. at City Hall. The program will feature the artwork of local students who have been selected as finalists in the City's Martin Luther King Art Contest. The contest is organized annually by the City's Diversity Committee to help teach school children about the life and legacy of Dr. King. There are three categories in the contest: a coloring contest for grades K-2, a poster contest for grades 3-5, and a video contest for grades 6-12. The theme for this year's contest is "Moving Forward with Dr. King's Dream." Contest entries will be accepted until Wednesday, January 9 at 5 p.m. See the link on the City's home page for more details. City Hall is located at 15901 Excalibur Road. The program will take place in the Council Chambers.

### **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, January 21**

City offices are closed on this day. There will be no refuse or recycling collection. Collection resumes on your next regularly scheduled day.

### **Accepting Nominations for Bowie's Hall of Honor**

In 1991, the Hall of Honor was developed to recognize those citizens of Bowie who have made "major and lasting contributions" to the City. The first inductees were honored in 1994. A nominee to the Hall of Honor 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; have been a resident of the City of Bowie either during the time of their contribution or at the time of their death. The deadline to submit nominations for the 2013 Hall of Honor is 5 p.m. Friday, **February 8, 2013** at City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716. For more information, contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org). Nomination forms are available on the City website.

### **Input Needed on Consolidated Plan for Community Development**

The City of Bowie receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the US Department of Housing and Community Development. In order to receive that funding, the City is required to produce a Consolidated Plan every five years detailing the City's housing and community development needs and how it plans to address those needs with CDBG grant funds. City staff will be soliciting the public's input to the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan for CDBG through a citizen participation survey sent to 30% of City households and at a series of upcoming hearings. If you receive the survey, we encourage you to complete and return it as soon as possible and we invite you to attend the public hearings. Notice of the hearing dates and locations will be advertised in local newspapers and will be posted on the City website.

## **Events**

**1/11 - 1/26 – “Daddy’s Dyin’ Who’s Got the Will” at Bowie Playhouse** From the writer and director who brought you 2011's smash hit *Sordid Lives* comes another story of small-town America. A Texas family experiences not just their father's death from a physically and mentally debilitating stroke, but also a rebirth of the spirit of the family unit. The Los Angeles Times called *Daddy's Dyin'* "a well written piece of mainstream theatre...consistently funny and occasionally touching." This show is produced by Bowie Community Theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays. For tickets, visit [www.BCTheatre.com](http://www.BCTheatre.com) or call 301-805-0219.

**1/15 – Kids Kaboose** 10:30 a.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Enjoy railroad stories and fun for ages 1-11. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**1/19 – Program Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** - 10 a.m. at City Hall. The program will feature the artwork of local students who have been selected as finalists in the City's Martin Luther King Art Contest. The program will take place in the Council Chambers.

**1/19 - 1/21 – First Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Invitational Basketball Tournament** at City Gymnasium. For more information, contact the City Gymnasium at 301-809-2388.

**1/22 – American Red Cross Blood Drive** 2 - 7 p.m. at the Bowie Gymnasium. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule your life-saving donation.

**1/22 – Regular City Council Meeting** 8 p.m. at City Hall. Note: this meeting is on

Tuesday, due to the Monday holiday.

**1/24 – Prince George’s County Fire Chief’s Community Forum on Fire and Life Safety** at the Kenhill Center. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to Diana Fennell, Community Advisory Coordinator at 301-583-1937.

**1/29 – Senior Wellness Fair** 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. The topics for this year’s fair are protecting and maintaining your heart and brain health and a discussion about the best possible health supplements for your diet. For more information, contact Senior Wellness Coordinator Mark Shields at 301-809-2300.