

# Bowie News Flash

**February 2013**

## **News**

### **Accepting Nominations to 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: have made both a major and lasting contribution to the City of Bowie; be deceased for at least one year as of the nomination deadline; and 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 2012 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 at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

### **Learn about Identity Theft**

Recent studies show that identity theft affects millions of people every year. What is identity theft? What can you do to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft? What should you do if you think your identity has been stolen? What impact has social media had on identity theft? Doyle Niemann, Assistant State's Attorney and leader of the Economic Crimes Unit for the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office, answers these questions and more in a broadcast on Bowie Cable TV Channels 71 (Comcast) and 10 (Verizon). This program is presented by the City's Community Outreach Committee and will be shown on the following dates: February 11 at 7 p.m., February 12 at 11 a.m., February 13 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., March 1, 2, and 5 at 6 p.m., and March 3 at 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. For additional information, please contact Sally Hein at 301-809-3014.

### **Visit the National Capital Radio and Television Museum**

During the winter months, the National Capital Radio and Television Museum (2608 Mitchellville Road) will feature "vintage" broadcasts. Visit and take a trip down memory lane (not the one in the M Section – but the one from your viewing past!). Check the Museum's website, [www.radiohistory.org](http://www.radiohistory.org), or call 301-390-1020 for a program schedule. Programs are free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

### **Possible Change in the Covenants for Melford**

On March 4, 2013 City Council will vote on a policy change that could ultimately allow residential housing in the area known as Melford. Currently residential housing is not permitted at Melford under covenants that govern use of the property. The decision before Council is whether or not the covenants should be amended to allow for mixed use, which includes office, retail, and housing. A public hearing will be held at the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Anyone wishing to speak at the hearing may sign up in advance by contacting the City Clerk (email [ahernandez@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ahernandez@cityofbowie.org) or call 301-809-3029). Speakers can also sign up to speak at the meeting. Each speaker will be limited to no more than five minutes for their comments. The meeting will take place in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 8 p.m. on March 4, 2013. More information about this topic is available on the City website.

### **Snow Removal**

A snow emergency is declared whenever snow reaches a depth of two inches. At that time, all vehicles must be removed from City streets so that plowing operations may begin. During a snow or ice event, it is acceptable to park your vehicle on your grass. 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 will only be treated in extreme icing conditions.

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 by searching the word "snow" on the City's website.

### **Presidents' Day – Monday, February 18**

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

### **National Anthem and "Voice of Bowie" Auditions**

Open auditions for individuals or groups to perform the National Anthem at City special events and for those interested in being the stage announcer at the Memorial Day Parade, Bowiefest, 4th of July and the International Festival. Auditions will be held in the Studio at the Kenhill Center on Saturday, February 23, 2013 beginning at 10 a.m. for the National Anthem and 12:30 p.m. for the "Voice of Bowie". For more information or to schedule an audition, please contact Special Events Coordinator Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

### **Get Involved with Bowiefest**

Bowiefest takes place each year on the first Saturday in June. If you are interested in showcasing your organization, or would like to be an arts and crafts vendor or a food vendor, please visit our website to learn more. This year's event is on June 1<sup>st</sup> and the deadline for participants and vendors is in April. The deadline for the Greater Bowie

Chamber of Commerce's Home and Health Expo, which is held in the Ice Arena on the same day, is in May.

### **Popp Award Honors Scout or Scout Leader**

In 1971, Bowie resident Malcolm "Skip" Popp, lost his life while rescuing Scouts on a troop outing. In his honor, an award is given by the City to recognize Scouts and Scout leaders who have performed "extraordinary and distinguished community service, within Scouting organizations located in the City of Bowie. To learn more about this award or to obtain a nomination form, search "Popp Award" on the City website or contact Sally Hein at 301-809-3014 or email [shein@cityofbowie.org](mailto:shein@cityofbowie.org) . The deadline for nominations is March 29, 2013.

### **Bowie Youth & Family Services Group Sessions and Activities**

Bowie Youth & Family Services offers a variety of groups for local families. To learn more call 301-809-3033. The following groups are underway or starting soon:

*Active Parenting Group* – Tuesdays 2/5 - 3/26, 7 - 9 p.m.

*ADHD/ADD Education for Children and Parents* – Mondays, 2/25 - 4/22, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

*Women's Group: Self-care and Stress Reduction for Mothers* – Wednesdays 2/27 - 4/17, 7 - 9 p.m.

*Girls Count, a Group for Teenage Girls* – Mondays, 3/4 – 5/13, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

### **Youth Leadership Bowie**

Students who will be entering 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2013 and who reside in Bowie or attend Bowie High School are invited to apply for Youth Leadership Bowie, a joint project of the City of Bowie and the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce. Youth Leadership is a competitively selected program that teaches leadership skills and exposes students to a variety of careers. Selected students participate in one Saturday retreat and seven monthly, day-long activities. Through site visits, lectures and informal discussions, participants learn how major decisions are made and who makes them. A special emphasis is placed on current issues. The team-building retreat allows participants to examine the concepts of leadership and interact as a group. For more information, contact Sally Hein at 301-809-3013 or email [shein@cityofbowie.org](mailto:shein@cityofbowie.org) or Kelly Pierce at 301-262-0920 or email [Kelly@bowiechamber.org](mailto:Kelly@bowiechamber.org).

## **Events**

**2/1 - 2/16 – "Moon Over Buffalo" at Bowie Playhouse** A second-rate and dysfunctional theater company gets the chance of a lifetime when famed director Frank Capra plans to catch a matinee performance. Will the leading man sober up in time for the curtain? Will his wife, the company's leading lady, run away with her agent? Will the company decide to present "Private Lives" or "Cyrano" or a disturbing mixture of both? Join us for this comedic valentine to theater hams everywhere. This play is 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, call 301-937-7458 or visit [www.pglt.org](http://www.pglt.org).

**2/12 – “Annabella Sneed...Indentured Servant” Second Tuesday Lecture** – 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Carolyn Murphy from the Historic Annapolis Organization will offer a first person look at the life of Annabella Sneed, indentured servant. She will provide a glimpse at the life of those who were willing to work under harsh conditions in exchange for passage to the colonies. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**2/13 – Commit to Be Fit at the Senior Center** – Are you looking to lose weight or improve your health? Wellness Coordinator Mark Shields will lead a six-month class that will meet twice a month beginning February 13. Class meetings will focus on nutritional education and social support in order to facilitate positive health changes. Contact the Senior Center for details. For more information, call the Center at 301-809-2300.

**2/14 – Home-school Fun at Belair Mansion** – 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Home-schooled children are invited to enjoy a number of early American skills -- churning butter, stitching, dancing and discovering colonial history at Belair! Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**2/14 – “My Senior Center” Community Open House** – 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. This is your opportunity find out what independent, engaging, and connected senior adults are doing every day. The Bowie Senior Center’s many programs, activities, and services will wow you. The day will include entertainment, light refreshments, tours, and much more. Join us! The Senior Center is located at 14900 Health Center Drive. For more information, call the Center at 301-809-2300.

**2/15 - 2/18 – Presidents' Day Tournament at the Bowie Ice Arena.** This annual tournament is hosted by the Bowie Hockey Club. The tournament is for players ages 6-18. Free admission for spectators.

**2/18 – Presidents’ Day Holiday.** City offices are closed for the holiday and there will be no refuse or recycling collection on this date.

**2/19 – Kids Kaboose** - 10:30 a.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. 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).

**2/19 – Regular City Council Meeting** 8 p.m. at City Hall. This meeting is being held on Tuesday, following the Monday holiday.

**2/20 – Senior Center Program - Taking a Look Back at Slavery to Impact Our Present and Future** – 12:30 p.m. The program is an oral narration of actual life experiences of various slaves who lived on plantations in the State of Maryland. Also included in the presentation are a few short poems from *The Women of Plums: Poems in the Voices of Slave Women* written by Washington, DC Poet Laureate Dolores Kendrick. This presentation will give you a lot to think about. You will walk away with more awareness of the bumpy road others endured and how it impacts us still. Join Dr. Ellen C. Sistare for this presentation. For more information, call the Center at 301-809-2300.

**2/22 - 3/9 – “It Runs in the Family” at Bowie Playhouse** – It's almost Christmas and Doctor David Mortimore is about to give a highly significant speech to an international group of neurologists when Nurse Tate drops back into the hospital. Having left her position a bit over 18 years before after a dalliance with the good doctor, her news today is that her child, Leslie, has turned 18 and has been told that daddy is a doctor at the hospital and is downstairs demanding to meet him. The tangled web of desperate lies designed to cover up the situation leads to a frantic, frenetic comedy that will have audiences laughing out loud with an unexpected happy ending for all. This play is produced by 2nd Star Productions. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Matinees are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. For tickets, visit [www.2ndStarProductions](http://www.2ndStarProductions) or call 301-832-4819.

**2/23 – National Anthem and “Voice of Bowie” Auditions** – Auditions will be held in the Studio at the Kenhill Center beginning at 10 a.m. for the National Anthem and 12:30 p.m. for the “Voice of Bowie”. For more information or to schedule an audition, please contact Special Events Coordinator Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

**2/24 – Bowie Figure Skating Valentine's Competition** Skaters of all ages representing rinks in the Mid-Atlantic region will compete in various events. Free admission for spectators.