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Your Weekly Update  
Thursday, June 23, 2022

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# **Bowie News**

## **Walk & Campfire at Whitemarsh Park**

Bring the family outside to enjoy the summer sun with a short fun walk this Friday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m., meet up in the lower parking lot of Whitemarsh Park (6300 Crain Highway) for a short hike on one of the park's easier trails. Then enjoy a reading of "Firefly Home" followed by a campfire and s'mores. Afterwards, children can catch fireflies. This event is free, s'mores ingredients will be provided. Please bring your own stick for roasting marshmallows (ensure it is long enough for safety). Flashlights and sturdy walking shoes are also recommended.

## **Happy Pollinator Week and Centennial Garden Clean Up**

Come celebrate Pollinator Week (June 20-26) by volunteering your time to help members of the Bowie Green Team clean up the butterfly garden at Centennial Park (15901 Fred Robinson Way) on Saturday, June 25 from 1 – 3 p.m. Stop by and learn about the important role bees and butterflies play in pollinating our food and flowers, discover what plants are best for pollinator gardens, ask questions, interact with the Green Team members, and even take home a plant. You do not need to register. Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie](http://www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie) to learn about other ways you can help our local pollinators.

## **Railroad Discovery Day**

Do your kids love trains and railroads? Stop by the Bowie Railroad Museum, located in Old Town Bowie, on June 25 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. for Railroad Discovery Day. Play games, enjoy crafts, listen in on story time, and more. For more information contact Susan Proctor at [sproctor@cityofbowie.org](mailto:sproctor@cityofbowie.org) or call 301-809-3089.

## **Beautification Awards**

Nominations are closing for the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Beautification Awards. Nominate a garden or yard in your neighborhood by this Friday, June 24.

Categories include:

- Distinguished whole yard landscaping/gardening
- Distinguished front, back, or side yard landscaping/gardening
- Distinguished specialty garden (i.e. patio garden, Japanese, butterfly, etc.)
- Distinguished wildlife habitat
- Distinguished business landscaping/garden
- Distinguished school (public or private) landscaping/garden

To nominate a home or business in your neighborhood, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/beautification](http://www.cityofbowie.org/beautification).

**Sunday Sunset Concert: "The Baywinds Band" - Concert music**  
**Sunday, June 26, 7 p.m.**

Enjoy a free Sunday evening concert performance by “The Baywinds Band” on Sunday, June 26 at 7 p.m. at the Robert V. Setera Amphitheater at Allen Pond Park. Summer concerts are held on Sunday evenings through Labor Day weekend. Admission is free and each show begins at 7 p.m.

If you are unable to attend in person, you can still view the concerts live on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. on Comcast Channel 71 and 996 or Verizon Channel 10.

Cancellations may occur in the case of inclement weather. Because summer storms often pass through quickly, decisions about concert cancellations will not be made until right before the concert is scheduled to take place. Notices about cancellations will be posted on the [City website](#), and on the City's [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter feed](#).



### **Bowie Advisory Planning Board Meeting - Melford Pod 6 on June 28**

St. John Properties, Inc, developer of Melford, has filed an application to revise the approved Detailed Site Plan for Pod 6 for the purpose of building 59,640 square feet of research and development/flex space rather than another office building within the project. The flex space is permitted under current approvals for the project.

The Bowie Advisory Planning Board will hold a public hearing on this matter on June 28 at 7 p.m. and the City Council public hearing is scheduled for July 5 at 8 p.m. Both meetings take place at City Hall.

### **City Holiday – Independence Day**

City offices and indoor facilities are closed in recognition of Independence Day. There is no trash or recycling service on this date; service will resume on the next regularly scheduled day. Parks will be open on the holiday.

## **Police Community Survey Closes Soon**

There's still time to complete the Bowie Police Department's 2022 Community Survey, which focuses on the department's efficiency and effectiveness. Respondents must answer based on their previous experience with the Bowie Police Department. Visit: <https://surveymonkey.com/r/PQQ5JPH>.

## **Bowie Restaurant Reimbursement Grant Deadline - July 18**

The Bowie Restaurant Reimbursement Grant is a grant program created by the City Council to assist small restaurant businesses with establishing and operating outdoor dining. Businesses with a physical establishment in the City of Bowie may be eligible to receive a one-time reimbursement of up to \$2,500. Purchases must be made between April 1, 2022, and November 15, 2022. Grants are limited to one award per business entity.

Visit the program webpage at [www.cityofbowie.org/restaurantgrant](http://www.cityofbowie.org/restaurantgrant) to read the eligibility criteria and to download the grant application. The application deadline is Monday, July 18 at 2 p.m. Questions? Contact the Economic Development Office by email at [jhking@cityofbowie.org](mailto:jhking@cityofbowie.org).

## **Plots Available in New Community Garden at the Kenhill Center**

Have a green thumb but no green space? Rent a plot at the Community Garden at 2614 Kenhill Drive. Teach your children or grandchildren the value of growing your own food. Several 8x8 plots are available to Bowie residents. Apply now and soon you'll be growing your own food. [www.cityofbowie.org/communitygarden](http://www.cityofbowie.org/communitygarden)

## **Bowie Youth & Family Services - Helping Families Cope**

Bowie Youth & Family Services (BYFS) offers confidential family counseling to the residents of Bowie and surrounding areas in Prince George's County. Families with children up through 18 years of age are eligible for services. BYFS also provide referrals and support by phone to residents who are experiencing stress and who need assistance. 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. Please call 301-809-3033 for assistance, or to arrange an in-person or tele-health appointment.

## **Volunteer Mentor Opportunity**

Bowie Youth & Family Services is now accepting applications for the Bowie Teen Mentor Program for the 2022 - 2023 academic year. It is a school-based mentoring program that matches an adult mentor with a student in grades 8 to 12 for in-person meetings. As a volunteer mentor you will spend one hour a week building a positive relationship with a student. It's a great opportunity to make a meaningful impact on a student's life and your community. Your involvement has the potential to change the course of a teen's school experience, how they view themselves, and how they interact with others. For more information, please contact Program Coordinator Amanda Pumphrey at 301-809-3033 or [mentor@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mentor@cityofbowie.org).

## Job Openings

The City of Bowie is currently seeking candidates for several positions listed below. Full time employees are eligible for medical, dental, vision, life and long-term care insurance, a 401(k) with employer match, and a 457 savings plan. They also have paid holidays and earn leave. Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/jobs](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobs) for links to job postings.

### Closing June 24

- [Solid Waste Collector/Driver](#) - Public Works, Solid Waste Division
- [Assistant Traffic/Sign Technician](#) - Public Works, Streets Division
- [Part-time Gymnasium Attendant](#) - Community Services

### Closing July 1

- [Code Compliance Assistant Manager](#) - Community Services

### Closing July 1

- [Equipment Operator](#) - Public Works Department Streets Division

### Closing July 15

- [Business Retention Specialist](#) - City Manager's Office, Economic Development

### Open until filled

- [Entry Level Police Officer](#) - Police Department
- [Communications Specialist II](#) - Police Department
- [Network Administrator](#) - Information Technology
- [Water Plant Superintendent](#) - Public Works Department
- [Water Plant Trainee/Operator](#) - Public Works Department
- [Solid Waste Collector](#) - Public Works Department
- [Part time Bus Driver](#) - Community Services
- [Part time Theater Technician](#) - Community Services

Visit <http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobs> for details or to apply.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### Friday, June 24

- [Friday Family Fun Walk at Whitemarsh Park](#) | 7 p.m.

### Saturday, June 25

- [Bowie Railroad Day](#) | 12 p.m.
- [Garden Cleanup at Centennial Park](#) | 1 p.m.

### Sunday, June 26

- [Bowie Farmer's Market](#) | 8 a.m.
- [Sunday Sunset Concert: "The Baywinds Band"](#) | 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, June 28

- [Advisory Planning Board - Melford Pod 6](#) | 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, June 29

- [Fairy Tale Fun at Belair Mansion](#) | 10 a.m.

**Sunday, July 3**

- [Bowie Farmer's Market](#) | 8 a.m.
- [Sunday Sunset Concert Series: "David Bach"](#) | 7 p.m.

**Monday, July 4**

- [Independence Day; City offices closed](#) | 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, July 5**

- [Regular City Council Meeting](#) | 8 p.m.

**Friday, July 8**

- [Kid's Kaboose at Bowie Railroad Museum](#) | 8:30 a.m.

**Sunday, July 10**

- [Bowie Farmer's Market](#) | 8 a.m.
- [Sunday Sunset Concert Series: "DMG"](#) | 7 p.m.

**Monday, July 11**

- [Regular City Council Meeting](#) | 8 p.m.

**Friday, July 15**

- [Wine and Design at Belair Mansion: Rustic Iron Inspired Wall Hanging](#) | 7 p.m.

**Sunday, July 17**

- [Bowie Farmer's Market](#) | 8 a.m.
- [Sunday Sunset Concert Series: "US Naval Academy Blues & Gold"](#) | 7 p.m.

**Monday, July 18**

- [Deadline for Bowie Restaurant Reimbursement Grant](#) | 2 p.m.

Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/calendar](http://www.cityofbowie.org/calendar) for details about other upcoming events sponsored by the City.

## COVID CORNER



### Children 6 Months+ Now Eligible to Receive COVID Vaccines

On June 20, 2022, the Maryland Department of Health announced that children 6 months and older are now eligible to receive a primary series of a Pfizer or Moderna COVID vaccine. Providers have been directed to make vaccines available immediately to children in the newly eligible age group.

The Pfizer vaccine is for ages six months through four years and will be distributed in three doses. Children will need three weeks between the first and second dose, and eight weeks between the second and third dose. The Moderna vaccine is for ages six months through five years and will be given in two doses separated by four weeks.

Visit [covidvax.maryland.gov](https://covidvax.maryland.gov) or call 1-855-MD-GOVAX to schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment. For more information on COVID-19 resources, visit [covidLINK.maryland.gov](https://covidLINK.maryland.gov).

### COVID Testing

The US government is distributing a third round of COVID tests. If you skipped any of the previous rounds, you'll also be able to place a second order. Request yours now - [COVID Home Tests | USPS](#)

Use the [Maryland Department of Health Test Site Locator](#) tool to find a COVID test site.

For updates on COVID-19 testing and vaccinations, including a complete list of clinics in the County, visit [health.mypgc.us/Coronavirus](https://health.mypgc.us/Coronavirus).

### COVID Data

Covid-19 Data (as of 6/22/22)			
	Maryland	Prince George's County	Bowie
Cases	1,122,792 (+4007)	185,057 (+716)	
Deaths	14,752 (+23)	2,188 (+3)	<b>Cases: 17,857 (+110)</b>
Positivity Rate	7.55%	11.76%	
Case Rate Per 100K	21.13	23.50	20715: 3,876 (+21)
<b>Maryland Hospitalizations</b>			20716: 3,844 (+27)
Adult	Total: 438 (+12%)	ICU: 54 (+45%)	20720: 4,547 (+26)
Pediatric	Total: 13 (-38%)	ICU: 2 (+0%)	20721: 5,590 (+36)
<i>Figures above in parentheses represent a four-day increase since 6/18/22.</i>			
Vaccine Progress - At Least One Dose			
	Maryland	Prince George's County	
CDC 18+	95%	95%	
CDC 5+	92.8%	95%	
Source: Maryland Department of Health at <a href="https://coronavirus.maryland.gov">coronavirus.maryland.gov</a>			

## Prince George's County Vaccinations

The CDC vaccination data by county is based on the percentage of the eligible population.

Prince George's County Fully Vaccinated Residents (per CDC) as of 6/23/22	
Total #	688,833
% of Total Population	75.8%
# of Age 5+	688,793
% of Age 5+ Population	81%
# of Age 12+	657,810
% of Age 12+ Population	85.3%
# of Age 18+	603,402
% of Age 18+ Population	85.2%
# of Age 65+	120,934
% of Age 65 + Population	95%