Are you ready for a night of fun, music, games, and community? Connect with your neighbors and Bowie Officers at this year’s National Night Out Against Crime. This nationwide “block party” style event brings the community and law enforcement together at Allen Pond Park (3330 Northview Drive) on August 2 from 6 - 8 p.m. Take the whole family out to meet local first responders, play games, enjoy music, and eat some great food. This event promises to be fun for the whole family!

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

For more information, please contact 240-544-5792 or COPS@cityofbowie.org.
Upcoming City Council Meetings

Monday, August 1, 8 p.m.

- City Transportation Priority List - Staff from the Planning Department will review the current Transportation Priority List for State and County facilities serving Bowie.

- Bicycle Friendly Communities - Staff will brief Council on efforts to attain a Bicycle Friendly Community designation from the League of American Bicyclists.

Meetings are in-person and open to the public. Also view them at www.cityofbowie.org/view-meetings, on FIOS Channel 10 or Comcast Channels 71 and 996, or Youtube @CityofBowieMD.

Those wishing to submit written testimony for the record may email cityclerk@cityofbowie.org. Testimony must be received by 7 p.m. on the day of the meeting. For information, contact City Clerk Awilda Hernandez at 301-809-3029.

Free Admission at the Ice Arena

Protect your skin from the sun and enjoy free admission during Skate in the Shade sessions at the Bowie Ice Arena. Skate rental is $2 per person. Don’t forget your long pants and socks!

- August 10, 12 - 1:30 p.m.

- August 17, 12 - 1:30 p.m.

The Ice Arena’s monthly calendar of events and activities can be found at www.cityofbowie.org/icearena.

“Pirates of the Chesapeake” Educational Lecture

Ahoy mateys! On Saturday, August 13, stop by the Belair Mansion at 2 p.m. for an int-arrrrr-esting (and free) lecture on pirating history in and around the Chesapeake Bay.

From the golden age of piracy to Confederate privateers and oyster pirates, the maritime communities of the Chesapeake Bay are intimately tied to a fascinating history of intrigue, plunder and illicit commerce raiding. Author Jamie L.H. Goodall introduces infamous men like Edward “Blackbeard” Teach and “Black Sam” Bellamy, as well as lesser-known local figures like Gus Price and Berkeley Muse, whose tales of piracy are legendary from the harbor of Baltimore to the shores of Cape Charles.

Contact sproctor@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3089 for information.

Victorian Braid Work Class

August 27, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Belair Mansion
Registration required
$40 per person

Embellishing garments, accessories and novelties with braid was very popular in the mid-nineteenth century. Designs varied from elaborately curved and scrolling patterns to geometric motifs and borders.

Items embellished with braid work in the nineteenth century included but were not limited to muslin caps, chemises, underskirts, dresses, outer garments, and slippers. While braid work is a very Victorian technique, it can be used to create distinctive and unusual embellishments for modern clothing and accessories including jackets, dresses, pockets, purses, eyeglass cases, ornaments, and more.

The registration fee includes a comprehensive illustrated workbook with historical information, patterns, and detailed instructions, and a kit containing fabric, threads, needles, marking pens, and braids.

Students should bring a pen or pencil to take notes, an embroidery hoop approximately 8” in diameter, and fabric scissors.

Register by contacting sproctor@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3089.

Yoga on the Green

Come out for a morning of stretching, wellness, and socialization at our second Yoga on the Green event. Take in the beautiful backdrop of the historic Belair Mansion (12207 Tulip Grove Drive) on Saturday, August 27 for this guided, one-hour-long session. The session starts at 10 a.m. and is open to all skill levels.

Be sure to bring water, sunscreen, and a yoga mat or towel. Registration is not required. Questions? Email adiaz@cityofbowie.org.
Mark your calendars! After a two-year COVID hiatus, the Back to School Bash is back! Celebrate the end of the summer on **Saturday, August 20** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bowie Gym (4100 Northview Drive). There will be games, music, face painting, giveaways, refreshments, and much more.

The first 350 children ages 4 - 10 that donate two or more non-perishable items will receive a free backpack filled with school supplies.

Interested in becoming a vendor? Tables are available free of charge. Register now at [www.cityofbowie.org/backtoschoolbash](http://www.cityofbowie.org/backtoschoolbash). The deadline to apply is August 9.

Interested in donating school supplies for the giveaway backpacks? There are four locations throughout the city to drop off donated school supplies. The locations are listed below. The deadline to donate is August 12.

- **City of Bowie Gymnasium** - 4100 Northview Dr.
- **Darcars Honda of Bowie** - 2260 Crain Hwy.
- **City of Bowie Ice Arena** - 3330 Northview Dr.
- **Bowie Senior Center** - 14900 Health Center Dr.

**Catch a Show at the Playhouse**

Are you a theater lover? The Bowie Playhouse in Whitemarsh Park and 2nd Star Productions will present “Sweat.” Winner of the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for drama, “Sweat” tells the story of a group of friends who have spent their lives sharing drinks, secrets, and laughs while working together on the factory floor. But when layoffs and picket lines begin to chip away at their trust, the friends find themselves pitted against each other in a heart-wrenching fight to stay afloat. The show will run **August 19 through September 3**. Visit [www.2ndstarpproductions.org](http://www.2ndstarpproductions.org) for tickets and more information.

Visit our website at [www.cityofbowie.org/playhouse](http://www.cityofbowie.org/playhouse) for more information about the Playhouse.

**Public Art Mural and Gallery**

Come see Bowie’s latest public art project, a mural of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. painted on the external wall of the Bowie City Gym. The 22-foot-tall mural was painted by contemporary muralist, Desiree Kelly.

Did you know there is an Art Gallery at City Hall? The current exhibit on display, “Local Inspiration”, features art inspired by community surroundings. View the works of these dynamic local artists during gallery hours; Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. The exhibit runs until September 17.

Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/arts](http://www.cityofbowie.org/arts) for more information.
Community Outreach Grants
Available for Organizations

The City of Bowie offers funding, through the Community Outreach Committee (COC), for individuals and organizations with plans to implement a program that helps meet the needs of City of Bowie residents. COC grants are awarded in areas of social services, senior citizens, and mental health. Individuals, groups and/or organizations which provide services that assist underserved residents of the incorporated City of Bowie are also encouraged to apply. This year a total of $15,000 is available to be awarded to successful applicants through a competitive selection process. The maximum amount that will be awarded for any grant is $5,000. Although applicants need not be City of Bowie residents, the grant program for which they are seeking funds must directly benefit City residents.

Applications must follow state and local health orders and provide details as to how the project will be executed virtually, if required. The Virtual Application Clinic will be held on Wednesday, August 24 at 7 p.m. to assist applicants with the application process. Register at forms.gle/tvyv93cag4vRpEWT6 no later than Monday, August 22 at 5 p.m. Interested parties are encouraged to attend.

The application may be found at www.cityofbowie.org/cocgrants. The deadline for applying for a Community Outreach Grant this year is September 19 at 5 pm. Questions? Contact Lori Cunningham at lcunningham@cityofbowie.org or 301-832-7451.

Sunday Sunset Concert Series

Enjoy a free evening of music at Allen Pond Park every Sunday this summer at our Sunset Concert series. Concerts are held from 7 to 8 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket to enjoy the music. Concerts may be canceled for inclement weather. Bring a canned good to donate to the Bowie Food Pantry. For more information visit www.cityofbowie.org/concerts.

Farmers’ Market

Shop for crisp summer fruit and vegetables, baked breads and pastries, farm-raised meats, fresh-cut flowers, and bedding plants at the Bowie Farmers’ Market every Sunday through October. Want to learn more? Visit www.cityofbowie.org/farmersmarket.

Bowie Youth & Family Services: Helping All Families Thrive

Bowie Youth & Family Services (BYFS) offers a welcoming environment for families in crisis with licensed counselors on staff who provide expertise in family, individual and group therapy. We deliver a variety of educational and therapeutic groups, community outreach services, and school-based programs.

BYFS affirms and promotes the dignity and inherent worth of our neighbors of every race, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and physical and mental ability. We therefore strive to assist with healing the wounds of injustice and victimization. Our goal is to promote equality, and for race to no longer be a predictor of mental health outcomes.

Please call 301-809-3033 for assistance, or to arrange an in-person or telehealth 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.
Fence Maintenance

Don’t forget fence maintenance when planning home repairs. A fence is considered in disrepair and in violation of the City Code if it is missing any part of the slats or boards, not structurally sound or contains rotting wood. Weeding and removing rocks and debris around the posts will help prevent wood rot. Also check for pest like termites, carpenter ants and bees which can cause significant damage to your fence. If the entire fence or more than 2 posts are to be replaced, the fence must comply with the current regulations and County and City building permits are required. For more information, please contact the Code Office at 301-809-3068 or codecompliance@cityofbowie.org.

Applications Open for Several City Committees

Want an opportunity to make a positive difference in your community? Do you have talents, expertise, or ideas you’d be willing to share? Want to meet others with similar interests? Our greatly appreciated, dedicated City committee members would like to meet you! Join one of our 17 committees today! See the vacancy list at www.cityofbowie.org/committees.

Current vacancies include the following committees: Administrative Review Board, Advisory Planning Board, Arts, Board of Elections, Community Outreach, Community Recreation, Diversity, Education, Environmental Advisory, Financial Advisory, Green Team, Information Technology, and Public Safety. For more information, contact cityclerk@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3029.

Bowie Master Plan Zoning Letters

Residents will receive letters from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission concerning the initiation of the Bowie-Mitchellville and Vicinity Sectional Map Amendment (SMA), the comprehensive rezoning process that follows after the approval of an Area Master Plan. This letter invites residents to submit requests for rezoning of their properties, if they believe it is appropriate. Residents have until August 11 to submit an application form. The goal of the County’s SMA is to adjust the zoning pattern to conform to the land use and zoning polices contained in the Bowie-Mitchellville and Vicinity Master Plan, which was approved in March.

The plan can be viewed and/or downloaded on the website at bit.ly/BMVMPlan. City and County public hearings will be held this fall, with final action by the Prince George’s District Council in early 2023.

Questions? Contact Planning and Sustainability Director Joe Meinert at jmeinert@cityofbowie.org.

Green Tip of the Month

Did you know the average dishwasher in US homes today uses 8.7 gallons of water per load, while washing by hand for 10 minutes with water running can use 20 gallons?

Additionally, today’s dishwashers are about 95% more energy-efficient than those bought in 1972—your old dishwasher may be costing you more in energy bills than it would take to buy a new one.

For the complete “Acts of Green” list, and for more information on other green programs here in Bowie, visit www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie.

Plant One Tree Program

Trees are a valuable resource that provide many benefits to our community and to the earth, and we need more of them. Help the City of Bowie reach its tree canopy goal of 45% by taking part in the Plant One Tree on Us program.

Visit www.cityofbowie.org/PlantOneTree to register and reserve your tree for planting in the fall. Questions? Contact Tiffany Wright in the Department of Planning & Sustainability at 301-809-3043 or at twright@cityofbowie.org.

Green Bowie News

Sign up for the Green Bowie email newsletter and follow Green Bowie on Twitter @green_bowie!
Featured Bowie Park: Acorn Hill Park

Looking for a neighborhood park to entertain the kids? Want to enjoy fresh air and nature? Look no further than City of Bowie’s Acorn Hill Park, located at 3209 Stonybrook Drive. Acorn Hill Park is a two-acre multi-use park that has a neighborhood athletic practice area and a 1/4-mile ADA accessible walking and biking trail.

Acorn Hill Park’s beautiful greenery makes it the perfect site to enjoy Bowie events. The park offers the best view of the Memorial Parade in May and is the site of the city’s annual Arbor Day celebration in April.

Acorn Hill Park is home to the City’s Memorial Tree Program. This program allows residents to plant a tree in memory of an individual who was a resident of the City of Bowie for at least five years. Residents can select a tree from a diverse list including Japanese Zelkova, American Red Maple, Kwanzan Cherry, and more. Trees are planted on a designated Saturday in April and a certificate stating where and when the Memorial Tree was planted is mailed to the donor. To learn more about the Memorial Tree Program contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org. View the program flyer at www.cityofbowie.org/memorialtree.

September 11 Day of Service

The City of Bowie will honor the lives of the nearly 3,000 Americans killed on September 11, 2001 by hosting a day of service this year from Saturday, September 10 through Sunday, September 11. Volunteerism plays such a crucial role in our community. We will continue that tradition by encouraging residents to volunteer in community and City-identified service projects that residents can participate in.

U.S. flags will also be lowered to half-staff at all City facilities and a city-wide moment of silence will be observed on Sunday at 8:46 a.m., which is when the first plane crashed into one of the Twin Towers.

If you are interested in volunteering or you have a service project that needs volunteers, please contact Lori Cunningham at lcunningham@cityofbowie.org or 301-832-7451. More information may be found on the City website at www.cityofbowie.org/Sept11.

COVID PCR Testing Site in Bowie

The Maryland Department of Health operates a PCR COVID Testing Site at the Bowie Health Center. The testing site is located at 14999 Health Center Drive, Suite 103.

This site will offer walk up PCR testing. No appointments are required. Health Department staff will also offer over-the-counter COVID testing kits and KN95 masks. Test available for ages 2+.

Days and hours of operation:

- **Tuesday** - 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
- **Wednesday** - 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
- **Saturday** - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Help Us Choose a New Look for Bowie

Over the last several months, the City of Bowie has been working on a visioning and branding initiative to bring a new and fresh approach to marketing the City of Bowie to current and future residents and business owners.

Earlier this year, we asked residents and business owners to weigh in on what made Bowie a unique and appealing place to live, work, play or operate a business. That input was used to develop some broad themes about Bowie and a small working group, consisting of residents, staff, and designers went to work creating visual and written elements based on those themes.

The options were modified and refined several times to get to the point now where we have three very different approaches to marketing the City, each built around an overarching theme. Now, the steering committee invites community members to provide more input on what’s being developed by completing another short survey. Share your comments on these three design approaches at www.surveymonkey.com/r/CityofBowie.

Public input will be shared with the City Council when it reviews the marketing and design alternatives at an upcoming City Council meeting. Once there is a consensus on how to move forward, the City will begin implementing the new design in outreach and on the city website.
August

**Monday, August 1**
*City Council Meeting*
8 p.m., City Hall

**Tuesday, August 2**
*National Night Out Against Crime*
6 p.m., Allen Pond Park

**Sunday, August 7**
*Bowie Farmers’ Market*
8 a.m., BCPA Parking Lot near Bowie Library

**Sunday Sunset Concert: “40 Dollar Fine” (Classic Rock)**
7 p.m., Allen Pond Park

**Tuesday, August 9**
*Senior Program: Artist of the*

**Month with Otella Brantmier**
1 p.m., Bowie Senior Center

**Wednesday, August 10**
*Skate in the Shade #3*
12 p.m., Bowie Ice Arena

**Thursday, August 11**
*Senior Program: Life’s Better With Plans*
9:30 a.m., Senior Center

**Friday, August 12**
*Kid’s Kaboose*
10:30 a.m., Bowie Railroad Museum

**Saturday, August 13**
*“Pirates of the Chesapeake” Lecture*
2 p.m., Belair Mansion

**Sunday, August 14**
*Bowie Farmers’ Market*
8 a.m., BCPA Parking Lot near Bowie Library

**Sunday Sunset Concert: “US Navy Sea Chanters” (Broadway music)**
7 p.m., Allen Pond Park

**Wednesday, August 17**
*Skate in the Shade #4*
12 p.m., Bowie Ice Arena

**Thursday, August 18**
*Senior Program: Self Care*
9:30 a.m., Senior Center

**Friday, August 19**
*Wine and Design: Decorative Throw Pillows*
7 p.m., Belair Mansion

*“Sweat”*
Fridays through September 2
8 p.m., Bowie Playhouse
Saturday, August 20
**Back to School Bash**
10 a.m., Bowie City Gym

“Sweat”
Saturdays through September 3
8 p.m., Bowie Playhouse

Sunday, August 21
**Bowie Farmers’ Market**
8 a.m., BCPA Parking Lot near Bowie Library

“Sweat”
Sundays through August 28
8 p.m., Bowie Playhouse

Sunday Sunset Concert:
“Smooth Band” (R&B/Jazz)
7 p.m., Allen Pond Park

Wednesday, August 24
**COC Virtual Application Clinic**
7 p.m., Virtual

Saturday, August 27
**Victorian Braid Work Class**
9 a.m., Belair Mansion

**Yoga on the Green**
10 a.m., Belair Mansion

Sunday, August 28
**Bowie Farmers’ Market**
8 a.m., BCPA Parking Lot near Bowie Library

Sunday Sunset Concert: “US Navy Cruisers” (R&B/Classic Rock)
7 p.m., Allen Pond Park

Wednesday, August 31
**Fairy Tale Fun**
10 a.m., Belair Mansion

Sunday, September 4
**Bowie Farmers’ Market**
8 a.m., BCPA Parking Lot near Bowie Library

**Final Sunday Sunset Concert:**
“4 the Road” (R&B/Classic Rock)
7 p.m., Allen Pond Park

Monday, September 5
**Labor Day**
City Offices Closed, All Day

Tuesday, September 6
**Regular City Council Meeting**
8 p.m., City Hall

View our City calendar of events at [www.cityofbowie.org/calendar](http://www.cityofbowie.org/calendar).
Bowie Ice Arena

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

Skate in the Shade
• August 10, 12 - 1:30 p.m.
• August 17, 12 - 1:30 p.m.

Take a break from the sun and join us for FREE ice skating (skate rental is $2). Long pants are recommended and don’t forget your socks! This session is sponsored by the Shade Foundation.

Space is limited for summer camps and lessons. Call for availability. Call 301-809-3090 for more information or to register or visit www.cityofbowie.org/icearena.

Bowie Gymnasium

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

Back to School Bash
Saturday, August 20, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Free.

• Walking - Monday - Friday
  9 - 10 a.m.
• Pickleball - Saturdays
  11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Learn more about our camps and sign up at www.cityofbowie.org/gymcamps.

Historic Properties

301-809-3089
www.cityofbowie.org/museums

Kids Kaboose
Friday, August 12, 10:30 a.m.
Ages 5 – 10 with adult. Free.

“Pirates of the Chesapeake” Lecture by Jamie L.H. Goodall
Saturday, August 13, 2 p.m.
Free.

Wine and Design: Decorative Throw Pillows
Friday, August 19, 7 – 9 p.m.
Registration required
$25 per person.

Victorian Braid Work Class
August 27, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Registration required
$40 per person

Fairy Tale Fun at Belair Mansion
Wednesday, August 31, 10 a.m.

For more information contact Susan at sproctor@cityofbowie. Or call 301-809-3089.
Bowie Senior Center
14900 Health Center Drive
301-809-2300
www.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter

Join the Bowie Senior Chorale
Registration is open for the fall season. $30/$35 fee.

Craft Workshop: Collage in the Round
Tuesday, August 23, 9:30 a.m. – noon.
Create a unique hanging collage.
Supplies provided. Pre-register by Aug. 19.

Stronger Memory
Starting Friday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m.
This 12-week program, Stronger Memory, is designed to help older adults alleviate symptoms of mild cognitive impairment and early-stage dementia. Stronger Memory consists of simple activities practiced daily to engage the working memory and trigger brain activity in the prefrontal cortex. Contact the Center to register.

AARP Driver Safety Course
Sept. 13, Oct. 25. Or Nov. 10, 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Learn driver strategies and refresh knowledge of the latest rules, state laws, and hazards of the road. Contact the Center to register $20 AARP members or $25 nonmembers.

Intro to Pickleball
Mondays, Sept. 12 – Oct 17, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Learn the basic physical and social aspects of the game. Register early. Space is limited.

Contact us for more: Activities, Events, Classes, Information and Referral, & Transportation services.