

# BOWIE SPOTLIGHT



## It's Back to School Time

**B**ack to school season is in full swing! Here are some tips to ensure we are keeping children safe as they head back to the classroom:

- Slow down. Watch for kids in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks.
- Watch for kids playing and gathering near bus stops.
- Be alert. Kids arriving late for the bus may dart in the street without looking for traffic.
- Allow extra time during your daily commute. Roads will be more crowded, especially near schools as bus drivers, parents, and students all get used to new routines and new routes.
- When backing out of your driveway, be conscious of the fact that children may be making their way to bus stops or walking to school. Do not rely solely on your back up camera, check your surroundings.
- Observe school zone speeds, obey crossing guards, and exercise caution when approaching school buses.
- Reminder - speed cameras operate Monday through Friday, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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## What You Should Know About School Buses on the Road

School bus drivers use a flashing signal light system to alert motorists to pending actions:

- Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.
- Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. In general, motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.

But there are some qualifications to this. Here's what Maryland State Law says about stopping for school buses:

- **On Two Lane and Multi-Lane Roadways:** Motorists traveling in both directions – regardless of how many travel lanes or the presence of a turn lane – must stop and remain stopped until the flashing red bus lights are turned off.
- **On Multi-Lane Roadways Divided by a Median Strip:** Drivers following the bus must stop. Drivers do not need to stop if they are traveling in the opposite direction of the bus on a multi-lane highway that is divided by a physical barrier such as a grassy area or median strip. Cars traveling in the opposite direction of the bus on a physically divided highway may proceed with caution.

## Upcoming City Council Meetings

**Tuesday, September 6, 8 p.m.**

### Other back to school tips:

- **Breakfast:** Studies show that children who eat a nutritious breakfast function better. They do better in school and have better concentration and more energy. Make sure students eat a breakfast that contains some protein.
- **Homework:** Create an environment that is homework-friendly starting at a young age. Children need a consistent workspace in their bedroom or another part of the home that is quiet, without distractions, and promotes study.
- **Electronics:** Establish a household rule that the TV and other electronic distractions stay off during homework time.

- Detailed Site Plan 22016, Dash In Convenience Store

- Presentation on results of City branding initiative

**Monday, September 12, 5:20 p.m.**

- Special Closed Session to interview prospective lobbyist firms.

**Monday, September 19, 8 p.m.**

- Sectional Map Amendment for Bowie, Mitchellville and Vicinity.

Meetings are in-person and open to the public. They can also be viewed at [www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings](http://www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings), on FIOS Channel 10 or Comcast Channels 71 and 996, or Youtube [@CityofBowieMD](https://www.youtube.com/@CityofBowieMD).

Those wishing to submit written testimony for the record may email [cityclerk@cityofbowie.org](mailto: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**.

### Renting?

Are you, or someone you know, earning extra money renting out a room or basement in your home?

This type of use requires a City of Bowie rental license.

If you are offering short-term rental of all or part of your home through a service like Air BnB or VRBO, this is regulated by City and County codes. You need a short-term rental license from Prince George's County before you can obtain the City license.

Any home or part of a home that is being used for rental purposes is required to have a City license. If you suspect a home may be an unlicensed rental property or being used for short-term rentals, please contact the City of Bowie at [rentalhousing@cityofbowie.org](mailto:rentalhousing@cityofbowie.org) or [codecompliance@cityofbowie.org](mailto:codecompliance@cityofbowie.org) so that staff can investigate and make sure that everyone residing at the property is safe and protected.

### Tracking Monkeypox

#### Cases

Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by the monkeypox virus, which is in the same family of viruses as smallpox. Infections are usually, but not always, mild.

Monkeypox is transmitted by symptomatic individuals through close contact with lesions, bodily fluids, or respiratory secretions



and objects that have had contact with lesion crusts or bodily fluids (e.g., contaminated linens, bandages, dishes).

The Maryland Department of Health has established a [monkeypox dashboard](#) to help track cases in the state and to provide basic information about the disease

### Community Outreach Grants Available

The City of Bowie offers funding, through the Community Outreach Committee (COC), for individuals and organizations that have plans to implement a program that will help meet the needs of City residents. COC grants are awarded in areas of social services, senior citizens, and mental health.

Individuals, groups and/or organizations that provide services that assist underserved residents of the incorporated City of Bowie are also encouraged to apply.

This year \$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 City of Bowie residency is not required for applicants, the grant program

for which they are seeking funds must directly benefit City residents.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all applications must follow local, county, and state orders and provide details as to how your project will be executed virtually if required. The grant application may be found on the [City of Bowie website](#). The Community Outreach Grant application deadline is September 19, 2022 at 5 p.m. For additional information, please contact Lori Cunningham at [lcunningham@cityofbowie.org](mailto:lcunningham@cityofbowie.org) or 301-832-7451.

### Education Grants Support Programs to Enrich Learning for Bowie Students

The City of Bowie awards grants that support education for Bowie children. This year \$15,000 is available to be awarded to successful applicants through a competitive selection process. Grants in amounts ranging from \$100 - \$1,000 are awarded to teachers, parent groups, and other interested individuals from eligible community schools that have new and creative ideas for projects and programs that will enrich the students' learning experiences.

Programs can enhance academic areas or other important life skills, but all programs must be able to be executed virtually due to the pandemic. The deadline to submit the 2022 - 2023 Education Grant application is October 7. For additional information visit [www.cityofbowie.org/edgrants](http://www.cityofbowie.org/edgrants) or contact Lori Cunningham, staff liaison at [lcunningham@cityof-bowie.org](mailto:lcunningham@cityof-bowie.org) or 301-832-7451.

### Arts Committee Grants

The City of Bowie awards grants that support public awareness of artistic enterprise and seeks groups or individuals who will develop a project that involves Bowie residents in an interactive arts experience. These can be hands on, public performances, art group development, or group art opportunities or lessons.

This year \$12,000 is available to be awarded to one or more individuals or groups through an application and selection process. Grantees will be selected by the City of Bowie Arts Committee. The application deadline for the 2022- 2023 Art Grants is October 21, 2022. For additional information, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/artgrants](http://www.cityofbowie.org/artgrants) or contact Lori Cunningham at [lcunningham@cityofbowie.org](mailto:lcunningham@cityofbowie.org) or 301-832-7451.

## Public Art Mural and Gallery

The Bowie Arts Committee invites residents to visit the City's latest public art project, a mural of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. painted on the external wall of the Bowie City Gymnasium. The 22-foot-tall mural was painted by contemporary muralist, Desiree Kelly. The Gymnasium is located at 4100 Northview Drive.

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 local visual artists during gallery hours; Monday thru Thursday from 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. The exhibit runs until September 17. A new exhibit, entitled "Fall to Winter", will open September 19, 2022. Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/artgallery](http://www.cityofbowie.org/artgallery) for more information.

## Bowie Youth & Family Services:



## Family Counseling

BYFS offers family counseling and groups to those living in Bowie and Prince George's County community. Counseling is provided for families who have children in the home who are high school age or younger through a confidential online platform or in-person sessions. Staff are available to offer referrals and support by phone to residents who are experiencing stress and need assistance. Staff members are licensed clinicians who hold a graduate degree in a mental health speciality and have years of training and experience in treating individuals and families. Call 301-809-3033 for assistance, or to arrange an appointment. For more information, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/youthservices](http://www.cityofbowie.org/youthservices).

## Bowie Youth & Family Services (BYFS) Offers a Variety of Groups

BYFS offers psychoeducational groups - groups that focus on providing practical life skills such as parenting, managing stress, and improving relationships.

Group programs include:

- **Calm, Confident Kids** is designed to help school-aged children develop strategies for managing worries.
- **The Active Parenting Program** is open to parents with school-aged children or teens.
- **Girls Count** is an after-school program for 9 - 12<sup>th</sup> grade girls.
- **ADHD Group** is for children ages 7 - 11 with Attention-Deficit Disorder and their parents.
- **LGBTQ+ Adolescent Empowerment Group** connects LGBTQ+ adolescents and allies in a safe and affirming environment.
- **Young Adult LifeSkills Transitions Training Program** helps young adults ages 16 - 24 navigate the transition into the workforce and/or higher education. It helps participants achieve competency in the skills that not only are key to success but also have been found to reduce and prevent substance use and violence.
- **Divorce/Separation Family Group for Parents** (never married, separated, or divorced) and their children (ages 7 - 12) experiencing divorce and separation issues.

For more information on these groups, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/BYFSgroups](http://www.cityofbowie.org/BYFSgroups)

## Bowie Police Department Hiring



The Bowie Police Department offers a \$500 referral incentive to anyone who refers a candidate to the agency and is hired. Refer a candidate and \$500 could be yours! For more information, visit: [www.cityofbowie.org/BPDjobs](http://www.cityofbowie.org/BPDjobs)

The Bowie Police Department also encourages individuals to apply to join their team of challenge-takers and difference-makers. The agency offers up to \$9,000 in a signing bonus for new hires. Chief John Nesky says: "Now more than ever it is vital for the Bowie Community to be part of the process of shaping the way it is served. To encourage that involvement, we are offering a \$500 incentive to anyone (yes, anyone!) who refers a successful police candidate to us."

## Looking to Buy a Home in The City of Bowie?

Are you a teacher, police officer, City of Bowie employee, or a person with a disability?

The City of Bowie is offering \$4,000 in financial assistance to help first-time homebuyers cover down payment and closing costs. Applications are now being accepted that can help bring the dream of homeownership to life for those seeking to purchase a home in the City of Bowie.

For program information and an application, please visit the [First Time Homebuyer Program page](#) on the City website.

## COVID 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. Walk up PCR testing is offered. No appointments are required. Health Department staff will offer over-the-counter COVID testing kits and KN95 masks. Test available for ages 2+.

Days and hours of operation: Tuesday/Wednesday - 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Saturday - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



# NEWS

## Save the Date

The 2022 Veterans Day 5K will take place on November 12. Stay tuned for more details.

## Green Bowie News

Sign up for the Green Bowie [email newsletter](#) and follow Green Bowie on Twitter [@green\\_bowie!](#)

## WEED WARRIOR

WORKDAYS - FALL 2022

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	OCTOBER
10	1	15

## Need Student Service Hours?

Interested in helping to remove English Ivy?

Join the weed warriors!

Contact Ashleigh Diaz  
[adiaz@cityofbowie.org](mailto:adiaz@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044 to register.  
 You MUST register in advance.  
 Workdays are 9am-noon. Details will be in a follow up email before each event.



[WWW.CITYOFBOWIE.ORG/GREENBOWIE](http://WWW.CITYOFBOWIE.ORG/GREENBOWIE)



## Old Bowie Celebrates! Festival

Mark your calendar for a day of family-friendly fun at the Old Bowie Celebrates! Festival on Saturday, October 1, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The second annual festival is co-sponsored by Old Bowie Arts & Heritage Committee and the City of Bowie. The festival features live music and dance, arts and craft vendors, street entertainers, children's activities, a juried art show, and more.

Enjoy a variety of music, from rock to a bagpiper, on five stages. This year, a third stage is devoted solely to international dancers and music and will feature performers that have previously been seen at the Bowie International Festival. You can also savor local and ethnic foods; and shop artisans and crafters.

Children will find plenty to do. They can explore a special children's area, which includes games and more hands-on activities. As they move through the festival, they can earn stamps on a festival "passport" and earn a prize. Children and the young at heart can marvel at the Unicycle Lady, a balloon comedian, and magicians, and ride the mini train along Heritage Trail.

The festival spans 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Chestnut Avenue to Maple Avenue on 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Old Bowie.

Festival-goers can park at Rockledge Elementary School (on MD 197) and ride a free shuttle to and from the festival. Shuttle riders will receive a coupon for a free Chick-Fil-A sandwich while supplies last. For more information, visit [www.oldbowiecelebrates.us](http://www.oldbowiecelebrates.us). Limited parking is also available on the streets of Old Town Bowie.

## No International Bowie Festival in 2022

The Bowie International Festival will NOT take place this year as it usually does on the first Saturday in October. Instead, the City has combined forces with community members of the Old Bowie Arts & Heritage Committee to host the Old Bowie Celebrates! Festival on October 1. World cultures and nations will be celebrated throughout the festival in a variety of ways, including dance and musical performances from India, the Caribbean, Native American heritage, Europe, and the Middle East. There will also be unique food vendors and multicultural activities for the kids.

## September 11 Day of Service

The City of Bowie will honor the lives of the Americans killed in the attacks upon the World Trade Center in Lower Manhattan, the Pentagon, and on the plane that went down in Shanksville, Pennsylvania by hosting a day of service on the weekend of September 10 - 11. US flags will 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.

Volunteerism plays such a crucial role in our community. We will continue that tradition by encouraging residents to volunteer in the community on Saturday, September 10 and Sunday, September 11. Staff will identify service projects that residents can participate in to honor the memory of those who lost their lives on that sad day 21 years ago. If you are interested in volunteering or have a service project that needs volunteers, please contact Lori Cunningham at [lcunningham@cityofbowie.org](mailto:lcunningham@cityofbowie.org) or 301-832-7451. More information may be found at [www.cityofbowie.org/Sept11](http://www.cityofbowie.org/Sept11).

## Important Information for Veterans: Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry

In 2014, the US Department of Veterans Affairs established the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry to understand the potential health effects of exposure to airborne hazards during military service. The recently adopted PACT Act went further, by expanding eligibility for high-quality health care screenings and services for veterans who might have been exposed to these hazards.

Individuals who participated in eligible operations are encouraged to join the VA's Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry. Joining the registry will allow the VA to collect veterans' information and better assist their medical needs. Veterans are eligible to participate if served in Operations Desert Storm/Desert Shield (ODS), New Dawn (OND), or Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom (OIF/OEF). Presumptive conditions include asthma, rhinitis, sinusitis, emphysema, chronic bronchitis, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder, or COPD.

The registry includes an online questionnaire and an optional health evaluation. To enroll, visit <https://veteran.mobilehealth.va.gov/AHBurnPitRegistry>. Contact the Prince George's County Office of Veterans Affairs or the US Department of Veterans Affairs for additional information.

According to the US Census Bureau, approximately 10% of the adult population in Bowie has served in the armed forces, which is one of the highest percentages for any Maryland city. Please help us to reach them by sharing this important information

## OUR LATEST VIDEO

### Back to School Safety Tips



with friends, neighbors, and family members who are veterans.

## Virtual Public Hearing on Block Grant Programs – September 28

The City of Bowie receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding on an annual basis from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support a variety of on-going programs for City residents.

Each year, the City of Bowie Office of Grant Development and Administration produces a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) on the outcomes and achievements of the City's CDBG programs. The findings of this report will be presented to the public via a virtual hearing at 7 p.m. on September 28. Interested members of the public should attend this meeting to ask questions about the CDBG program achievements and the City's grant funded programs. These programs include the Single-Family Home Rehabilitation Grants, the Workforce Development Program, Fair Housing education, and other activities including COVID relief programs.

To participate in the virtual meeting, visit <https://bowie.fyi/bowiecaperpublichearing>. Current and past CAPER documents can be found online at [www.cityofbowie.org/CAPER](http://www.cityofbowie.org/CAPER)

## Plant One Tree on Us

Urban tree canopy (UTC) is the name for the layer of leaves and branches of trees that can be seen from above. In addition to groups of trees and large forests, UTC includes trees in parking lots, along roads, and in yards. UTC has been linked to the improvement of water quality. Homeowners also benefit with lower energy costs and increased property values when trees are properly chosen and planted in their yards.



Due to the many benefits of a large tree canopy, the City Council adopted a goal of having 45% of the area of the City covered in trees. The most recent UTC measurement for Bowie is 44%. While close to our goal, the City is losing trees due to age and storms. Just meeting this one percent increase will require the planting of thousands of trees. Since the County regulates trees in new developments and the City plants trees along streets and in parks, increasing the tree canopy needs to happen in other areas. The greatest opportunity for more planting is on land owned by Bowie residents. To encourage this additional planting, the Plant One Tree on Us program was developed to help homeowners with the expense and hassle of planting a tree.

If you're interested in getting a tree from the approved list planted in your yard, please email Tiffany Wright at [twright@cityofbowie.org](mailto:twright@cityofbowie.org). Be sure to include your street address. Please note that if you want to replace a tree lost within the last five years, it cannot go in the same spot as the previous tree. About 45 trees are available. To learn more about the urban canopy studies that the City has completed, or to learn about native trees, or the importance of healthy watersheds, call or email Tiffany Wright at 301-809-3043 or [twright@cityofbowie.org](mailto:twright@cityofbowie.org).

## City Recognized for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Last month, the City of Bowie was awarded the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting** by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The recognition was for the City's annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The City met the high standards of the program, clearly communicated its financial story, and was successful in motivating potential users and groups to read the report.

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting is the highest form of governmental accounting and financial reporting recognition. The City of Bowie is proud of its attainment and will continue to lead in governmental finance.

Also, the Finance Department is proud to announce that the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented a **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** to City of Bowie, for its Annual Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022. The budget document meets program criteria as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device.

## 2023 Fiscal Year Budget

The new fiscal year for the City of Bowie government began July 1, 2022. This year's budget (FY2023) is \$101.5 million. The budget is made up of the General Fund, the Water & Sewer Fund, the Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Fund, and the Capital Improvements Fund.

The General Fund Budget is \$69 million, which is a 6.5% increase over FY2022. General Fund Revenue, which comes from property taxes and other sources (as shown in the chart below) is projected at \$58.9 million. The difference between expenditures and revenue is \$10.2 million, which will be covered by a transfer from the Fund Balance.

FY 2023 property tax revenue is projected to be \$35.8 million. This represents a 4.4% growth in tax revenues. The City's tax base increased by 5.2%, even as the real property tax rate remains at \$.40 per \$100 of assessed value of \$8,285,400,000 for the current year.

More information about the FY 2023 can be found on the City website in the [Budget in Brief](#) document and in the [FY 2023 Adopted Budget and Capital Improvements Program](#) for FY 2023 - 2028.

## City of Bowie Water and Sewer

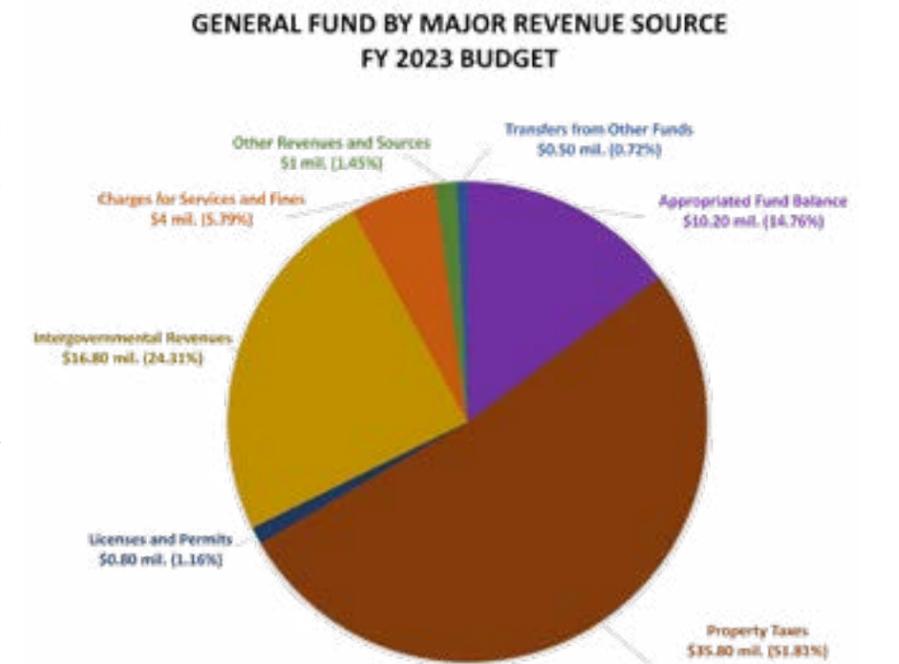
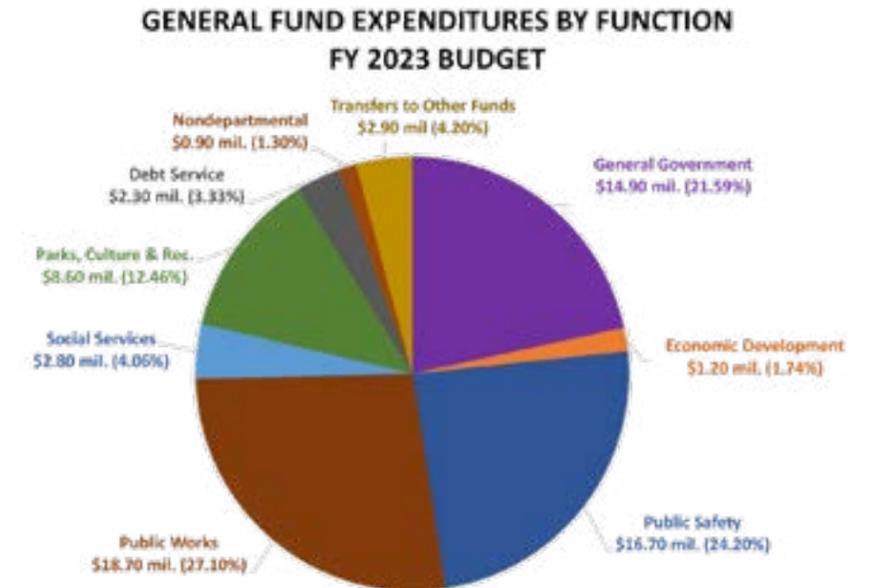
The Bowie Water & Sewer (W & S) System provides service to 7,900 customer accounts, which is less than 40% of the City's households. The system is a separate financial entity, which means it is wholly supported by the customers and not by any tax revenue.

The Water System consists of:

The Sewer System consists of:

- Water Treatment Plant
- 90 miles of water mains
- 3 water storage tanks
- 6 water wells

- Wastewater Treatment Plant
- 85 miles of collection mains
- 8 pumping stations



## Featured Park: Blacksox Park Has Links to Baseball's Past

You may have noticed Blacksox Park on your way to work or school. You may have played at the playground or on one of the five diamond ballfields. However, do you know the stories that lie within these diamonds? While Blacksox Park is a fun place to play and enjoy baseball games, it is also full of Bowie, baseball, and African American history.

This 64-acre park primarily designed for baseball and softball is divided into two sections, with the ballfields in one section (off Mitchellville Road) and the playgrounds in another section (off Mt. Oak Road). The park offers a concession facility that is available for rent and a paved walking trail connects the playground with the athletic fields and to the City's system of hiker/biker trails.

Ever wondered how Blacksox Park got its name? We can thank the Washington Blacksox sandlot team for that! The Washington Blacksox was a predominantly African American sandlot baseball team that formed in 1928 and became one of the best teams on the East Coast. Over time, the team earned the name "the terror of sandlot play." In 1961, William "Doffey" Jones, owner and manager of the team, built a sandlot baseball stadium on the land now known as Blacksox Park. Over the next ten years, the Washington Blacksox were based there and won numerous championships and received major recognition throughout the baseball circuit.

The Blacksox were not the only team to play on the site of Blacksox Park. In 1946, the "Wee Wee Tigers," later called the Mitchellville Tigers, was formed. The team used what was then John Abraham Henry's cornfield as their community sandlot baseball field. Games drew large crowds and caused cars to park as far as one-half mile both directions on Mitchellville Road. The Mitchellville Tigers played on this field until 1961 when the stadium was built there. The City of Bowie honored the Mitchellville Tigers contribution to baseball by naming one of the ballfields after the team.



*Glenn Harris (l), former catcher for Washington Blacksox and Buck Leonard (seated), MLB Hall of Famer at Blacksox Park dedication (September 21, 1996)*



*Before the unveiling of sign for Mitchellville Tigers Field at Blacksox Park (1996). Former sandlot players are behind sign. Bowie Councilmember William Aleshire (far right) and on left: Senator Leo Green (back), Delegate James Hubbard (back), Councilmember Leo Green, Jr. (far left), and Mayor Gary Allen (in suit)*



*Former sandlot baseball player in front of historical marker at Blacksox Park (1996)*

Blacksox Park was dedicated on September 21, 1996. Two hundred players who had played on Blacksox Park grounds were invited to the ceremony. Walter "Buck" Leonard, former Washington Homestead Grays player and baseball hall of famer, threw out the "first" pitch to open the park. Leonard and the Homestead Grays were among the few Negro League teams to play against the Washington Blacksox in warm-up games. In recognition of his success on the field and as a pillar in the African American baseball community, the City of Bowie named him the Guest of Honor on dedication day and thanked him for his many contributions to the City and Negro League baseball.

Teams such as the Washington Blacksox and Mitchellville Tigers created a space for African American baseball players at a time when they were not allowed to participate in major league baseball. Today, teams of all backgrounds play in competitive and community games at Blacksox Park. The City of Bowie issues permits for leagues, schools and other organized groups seeking to use Blacksox Park for their next baseball or softball game. Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/fields](http://www.cityofbowie.org/fields) to learn more about the use of city fields.

Notes:

*Much of the information for this article came from a book, entitled "Sandlot: The Soul of Baseball" (Heritage Books, 2008), which was written by William Aleshire, who served on the Bowie City Council from 1992 to 2005. Bill had a passion for history, baseball, and helping the residents of Bowie.*

Blacksox Park was [dedicated](#) 26 years ago this month. In 2006, another field at Blacksox Park was dedicated to Bill Davies, in recognition of his many contributions to recreational league softball in Bowie.

### Learn more:

<https://www.mlb.com/history/negro-leagues/teams>

<https://baseballhall.org/discover-more/stories/inside-pitch/negro-national-league-is-founded>

<https://www.nlbm.com/>

*Doffey Jones (owner and manager Washington Blacksox) throwing a baseball to catcher Glenn Harris ( Washington Blacksox) Also pictured: William Aleshire, Wilmer Fields (Homestead Grays), & Buck Leonard (in Homestead Grays shirt).*





### Mark Your Calendar

[Family Fun Night](#)  
Friday, September 16  
7 p.m., Allen Pond Park

## September

**Friday, September 2**  
["Sweat"](#)

8 p.m., Bowie Playhouse

**Saturday, September 3**  
["Sweat"](#)

8 p.m., Bowie Playhouse

**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](#)

**Tuesday, September 6**  
[Regular City Council Meeting](#)

8 p.m., City Hall

[Kid's Kaboose](#)

10:30 a.m., Bowie Railroad Museum

**Saturday, September 10**  
[Weed Warrior Workday](#)

9 a.m., Whitemarsh Park

[9/11 Day of Service](#)

**Sunday, September 11**  
[Bowie Farmers' Market](#)

8 a.m., BCPA Parking Lot near Bowie Library

[9/11 Day of Service](#)

**Monday, September 12**  
[Special City Council Meeting](#)

5:20 p.m., City Hall

**Tuesday, September 13**  
[Senior Program: AARP Driver Safety Course](#)

10 a.m., Belair Senior Center

[Bowie Advisory Planning Board Sectional Map Amendment Public Hearing](#)

7 p.m., City Hall

[Belair DAR Lecture Series: Migration of the Monarch Butterfly](#)

7:30 p.m., Belair Mansion

**Thursday, September 15**  
[Senior Program: Artist of the Month: Elaine Rosenberg](#)

1 p.m., Senior Center

**Friday, September 16**  
[Family Fun Night - Zumba & "Happy Feet" Movie](#)

7 p.m., Allen Pond Park

[Wine and Design: Autumnal Centerpiece](#)

7 p.m., Belair Mansion

**Saturday, September 17**  
[After the Storms: Plant & Care for Native Plants](#)

10 a.m., Kenhill Center

**Sunday, September 18**  
[Bowie Farmers' Market](#)

8 a.m., BCPA Parking Lot near Bowie Library

**Monday, September 19**  
[Community Outreach Grant Applications Due](#)

5 p.m., City Hall

[Regular City Council Meeting](#)

8 p.m., City Hall

**Tuesday, September 20**  
[Senior Program: Fashion Show from the Closet](#)

12:30 p.m., Senior Center

**Thursday, September 22**  
[Senior Program: Workshop for Widowed Persons](#)

2 p.m., Senior Center

**Friday, September 23**  
[Senior Program: Falls Prevention Course](#)

10 a.m., Senior Center

**Sunday, September 25**  
[Bowie Farmers' Market](#)

8 a.m., BCPA Parking Lot near Bowie Library

**Wednesday, September 28**  
[Fairy Tale Fun](#)

10 a.m., Belair Mansion

[Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report \(CAPER\) Public Hearing](#)

7 p.m., virtual

**Thursday, September 29**  
[Senior Program: High Dose Flu Clinic](#)

10 a.m., Senior Center

[Senior Program: Workshop for Widowed Persons](#)

2 p.m., Senior Center

**Friday, September 30**  
[Senior Program: Falls Prevention Course](#)

10 a.m., Senior Center

## Future Events

**Saturday, October 8**

Community Shredding & Styrofoam Recycling Event  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Saturday, November 12**

Veteran's Day 5K

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

# BOWIE FACILITIES



## Bowie Ice Arena

3330 Northview Drive  
301-809-3090  
[www.cityofbowie.org/icearena](http://www.cityofbowie.org/icearena)

**Back-to-School group lessons** for ages 18 months through adults (all levels). Registration includes four lessons, skate rental during the lesson, and a four-admission public session pass. Space is limited so register early. Classes start September 8.

Registration for the October/November group lessons is September 29 - October 3 with classes beginning October 6.

**Two for One Tuesdays** - buy one admission and get one free for public skating on Tuesdays.

Call 301-809-3090 for more information.



## Bowie Gymnasium

4100 Northview Drive  
301-809-2388  
[www.cityofbowie.org/gym](http://www.cityofbowie.org/gym)

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

Learn about out camps and sign up at [www.cityofbowie.org/gymcamps](http://www.cityofbowie.org/gymcamps).



## Historic Properties

12207 Tulip Grove Drive  
301-809-3089  
[www.cityofbowie.org/museums](http://www.cityofbowie.org/museums)

**Kids Kaboose**  
Friday, September 9, 10:30 a.m.  
Ages 5 - 10 with adult. Free.

**Wine and Design: Autumnal Ceterpiece**  
Friday, August 16, 7 - 9 p.m.  
Registration required  
\$25 per person.

**Fairy Tale Fun at Belair Mansion**  
Wednesday, September 28, 10 a.m.

**HAPPY LABOR DAY**

City offices are closed on **Monday, September 5**

There is no trash or recycling service on this date; service will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.



## Bowie Senior Center

14900 Health Center Drive  
301-809-2300  
[www.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter](http://www.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter)

**National Senior Center Month-**  
Open House: Thursday, September 15, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Stop by for a tour, information, gift, refreshments, entertainment. Open to public.

**Fashion Show:** Tuesday, September 20, 12:30 p.m. Center members selected ensembles from their own closets to walk our runway! Join us for a fun, razzle-dazzle event!

**AARP Driver Safety Course:** September 13, October 25. or November. 10, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Learn driver strategies and refresh knowledge. Contact the Center to register \$20 AARP members or \$25 nonmembers.

**PGCC SAGE Continuing Education Class Registration:** September 2 on-line registration. Over 40 in-person classes will be held at the Center beginning Oct. 3.

**High-Dose Flu Clinic:** Thursday, September 29, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Bring Medicare card and other health insurance card.

Contact the center for more: Activities, Events, Classes, Information & Referral Services, & Transportation services.

## City Council

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- Communications** - 301-809-3032
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- Elections** - 301-809-3029
- Emergency Management** - 301-809-3079
- Finance** - 301-809-3025
- Grants** - 301-809-3009
- Gymnasium** - 301-809-2388
- Human Resources** - 240-544-5613
- Ice Arena** - 301-809-3090
- Museums** - 301-809-3089
- Parks & Grounds** - 301-809-2353
- Planning & Sustainability** - 301-809-3047
- Police Non-emergency** - 240-544-5700
- Public Works** - 301-809-2344
- Recreation** - 301-809-3002
- Senior Center** - 301-809-2300
- Special Pickups** - 301-809-2344
- Trash & Recycling** - 301-809-2344
- Youth & Family Services** - 301-809-3033 & 1-513-817-3158
- Water Bills and New Service** - 301-809-3016

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## Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the contributions and influences that Hispanic Americans have made to the history and culture of the United States. Unlike other monthly recognitions, Hispanic Heritage Month straddles two months. It begins on September 15, which is the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, and runs through October 15. The independence days of Mexico and Chile are also celebrated during the time frame.



The first official recognition of Hispanic Heritage came in 1968 when President Lyndon Johnson celebrated Hispanic Heritage Week. In 1988, it was expanded to a month-long celebration by President Ronald Reagan. Since then, every US president has issued a proclamation recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Month at this time of year.

## City of Bowie Water and Sewer (cont. from page 9)

Water and Sewer is comprised of 36.3 budgeted full-time employees. The Adopted FY 2023 W & S Fund Budget is \$15.1 million, an increase of 44.7% above the FY 2022 Budget. This increase is mostly attributed to the pipe replacement/lining project, which is \$5 million.

The City anticipates borrowing \$2.6 million and utilizing grant funds of \$2.7 million to fund the replacement of damaged water pipes and to replace water meters throughout the City.

The FY 2023 water rate increase is \$.28 per thousand gallons and \$.41 for sewer services. This results in an estimate increase of \$8.97 per quarter for the average household, based on usage of 13,000 per quarter.