

Bowie Spotlight

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Malcolm "Skip" Popp Award

The Malcolm "Skip" Popp Award is offered by the City of Bowie for Scouts and/or Scout leaders who have performed "extraordinary and distinguished community service" within Scout organizations in the City of Bowie. Nominations must be made through Scouting units, which may nominate Scouts and/or Scout leaders within their groups. Community members are welcome to contact a Scout unit to recommend one of their members for nomination. Nominations are being accepted through Friday, March 29, 2013.

Malcolm "Skip" Popp was an active member of the Bowie community for many years and helped to organize a Cub Scout Pack at Buckingham Elementary School. In May of 1971, while on a camping trip with the Scouts, he successfully rescued a boy from flood-swollen waters, but lost his life in the effort.

In June 1971, the City Council established an award to memorialize Mr. Popp's act of heroism. The purpose was to "foster a tradition and spirit for the kind of service to Scouting and love of neighbor that Mr. Popp exemplified in his private and Scouting capacities." The first medal was awarded to the Popp family in memory of Mr. Popp. Malcolm "Skip" Popp was placed in the City of Bowie Hall of Honor on May 21, 2000.

Eligible Scouts or Scout leaders who are nominated for this award must be registered with the Boy Scouts of America or Girl Scouts, USA. They must also: Be affiliated with a Scouting group within the limits of the City of Bowie, and/or a Scouting group for which 50% or more of their youth members are City of Bowie residents; Been a member of a community-based Scouting group at the time of the service for which they are nominated; Have performed extraordinary and distinguished service within the Scouting unit as well as within the Bowie community; and, Have performed this service in the 2012 calendar year.

Nomination forms, with the guidelines, may be obtained on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org, or at City Hall. Questions may be directed to Popp Award Program Chairperson Sharon Hunt at shunt1@verizon.net or 301-802-0714, or Sheri Beach at sbeach@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3011.

Memorial Day Parade

The City's Memorial Day Parade Committee is busy planning this year's parade, which will take place on **Saturday, May 25** beginning at 11 a.m. The parade is a great way to salute all active duty service men, women and veterans. So get family, friends, and neighbors out to enjoy this hometown parade by being part of it! There is still time to sign your organization up to participate in this fun and patriotic event!

For more information or to download an application, go to the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org, or contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

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6th Annual Business Recognition Program

The **Bowie Spotlight** is published by the City of Bowie six times a year.

Comments or questions regarding the content or form of the newsletter should be directed to the Public Information Office at 301-809-3040.

The City's TTY number is 301-262-5013.

For alternative versions of the newsletter, please contact the City's Public Information Office.

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The City of Bowie, in partnership with the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce, is sponsoring the 6th Annual Business Recognition Program. Nominations are sought in the following categories:

Green Business of the Year – This award is for a company that has one or more Bowie locations that has demonstrated their commitment to environmentally sustainable practices such as energy and water savings, recycling, renewable energy, reduced chemicals or packaging, or employee carpooling/telework. (2012 Honoree - *MOM's Organic Market*)

Small Business of the Year – This award is for a small business that has demonstrated the qualities that make for a prosperous and growing organization in Bowie. (2012 Honoree - *Mama Cocoa's Delights*)

Entrepreneur of the Year – This award is for the Bowie business entrepreneur who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and tenacity in managing all facets of business to include growth in profit and employee numbers coupled with such factors as degree of innovation, development of a creative and ingenious product or service, exceptional selling techniques, and extent of expansion into local markets. (2012 Honoree - *Mark Torsani*)

Business of the Year – This award is for a Bowie company that has demonstrated high-level accomplishments that are a benchmark for other businesses that include financial success, visible community involvement, professional employee work environment, and will excel in customer satisfaction, strategic planning, and business development. (2012 Honoree - *Grace's Fortune*)

Community Service Award – This award is for the Bowie or vicinity business that has demonstrated a strong record of involvement in the Bowie community. (2012 Honoree - *Best Buy*)

Members of the community are encouraged to submit the name of a local business, along with a one page narrative describing why the business is being nominated. Nominations may be submitted in a letter or on a form obtained from one of the contacts below. Nominations must be received no later than **Friday, March 15, 2013** and should be sent to City of Bowie, Department of Economic Development, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716. Inquiries may be directed to the Economic Development Director, John Henry King, at jhking@cityofbowie.org or to the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Kelly Pierce, at kelly@bowiechamber.org. Businesses selected will be honored at a breakfast on Wednesday, May 8, 2013. Tickets for the event will be available from the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce.

A Few Thoughts About Trees and Storms

All of us are hoping for a less intense 2013 storm season after the experiences of last year with the infamous “derecho” storm of June 29th, multiple thunderstorms, and the less impactful hurricane season. While wind is the biggest issue, lightning and/or excessive rain and flooding often adds to the havoc. The extreme winds cause trees to uproot and topple over as well as damage the canopy of many trees causing dangerous and unsightly outcomes.

Why am I reminding us of all this? I want to simply say that the staff here at the City is on standby; we are ready and willing to address these storms and the resulting damage in cooperation with you, the residents of the City of Bowie. So, please, may I make a few suggestions as these storms may come our way?

As soon as you spot a storm-related tree situation that you believe is hazardous or dangerous, contact City Hall at 301-262-6200 or you can call directly to our Parks and Grounds office at 301-809-2353. It is always best to talk to a “live person” rather than leave a message in an emergency situation. Time is often a critical factor to prevent injury or property damage, and timely resident reporting enables our emergency personnel to do the best, most efficient job in response to difficult situations. If you call after normal business hours, you will be connected to the City’s answering service that will in turn contact the appropriate emergency staff member as soon as possible.

As problems arise, our staff will address each tree problem according to the following parameters: 1) Any tree damage occurring in the City right-of-ways will be summarily taken care of by our personnel including tree trimming, tree removal, and cleanup as necessary. 2) Any tree that falls and is blocking a City roadway or sidewalk (including private residence trees) will be addressed as soon as possible to clear the public roadway and/or sidewalk in order to restore safety to the damaged area. The resident would then be responsible for any other necessary tree trimming, tree removal, and/or cleanup on their own private property.

Here is additional useful contact information:

- Tree/Power Line Issues – Call BGE at 1-800-685-0123
- Power Outage Issues – Call BGE at 1-877-778-2222
- Tree Issues on M-NCPPC Park Land – Call 301-218-6800
- Tree Issues on Prince George’s County Roads – Call 301-499-8530
- Tree Issues on Maryland State Highways (numbered routes) – Call 301-513-7300

Our staff is thankful for your cooperation and concern along the way, and we look forward to serving the community in the season ahead. Rick Kellner, Community Forester

Please Donate to the Food Pantry

The Pantry was well stocked during the holiday season and we thank you for your generosity, but the shelves start to get bare this time of year. Families need to eat 365 days of the year. Please continue to donate to the Bowie Food Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund located at the Christian Community Presbyterian Church, 3120 Belair Drive. It is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. There are also collection containers at the Kenhill Center (2614 Kenhill Drive), the City Gym and the Senior Center, where you may drop nonperishable food, paper goods and personal toiletry items. For more information, contact the Pantry at 301-262-6765 or BowieFoodPantry@gmail.com.

Budget Review Begins in April

City Council begins reviewing the proposed **FY 2013-14 Budget and Capital Improvements Program** in April. This Budget will take effect on **July 1, 2013**. The public is invited to attend all of the Council Meetings, Public Hearings and Budget Worksessions on this Budget. All meetings begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

April 15, 2013	Public Hearing, Budget Introduction and Budget Worksession #1 - General Fund Revenues, CIP and Capital Projects Fund
April 22, 2013	Budget Worksession #2 - Public Works, Water and Sewer Fund
April 29, 2013	Budget Worksession #3 - Community Services
May 6, 2013	Public Hearing
May 8, 2013	Budget Worksession #4 - City Manager's Office, Police, Finance and Nondepartmental
May 13, 2013	Budget Worksession #5 - Planning and Economic Development, Information Technology, Equipment Acquisition Fund, General Fund Summaries, Appendix and Wrap-up
May 20, 2013	Adoption of Budget and Capital Improvements Program

Books Needed

Every year the City's Education Committee collects new and "gently used" children's books to distribute free to children who stop at the "BowieReads" booth at Bowiefest. The Committee will also march in the Memorial Day Parade passing out books to children.

The Committee is looking only for books that are appropriate for children from birth through high school. Books may be dropped off in the front lobby of Tulip Grove Elementary School between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on weekdays when the school building is open. When the building is closed, books should be left on the front porch by the double blue doors.

The Education Committee appreciates the assistance of EZStorage of Bowie who generously donates free storage units for the books.

Children love books and fostering that love and skill in reading is a great way to support Bowie youth.

For more information, please contact Annette Esterheld at aesterheld@cityofbowie or 301-575-5601.

2013 City Beautification Awards

That's right, it's spring and the growing season is upon us. It's time to be recognized by the City for the beautiful yard you have. Be sure to enter your yard or nominate neighboring homes, schools or businesses in the 2013 "Beautification Awards Program". Entry forms are available at www.cityof-bowie.org or at City Hall. All nomination forms must be submitted to Matt Corley at City Hall no later than 5 p.m. on **Friday, June 21, 2013**. Judging will take place in early July and the awards presentation program will be held in late September 2013. All previous winners and star maintenance garden recipients are required to submit a nomination form if they wish to continue toward receiving their All Star Garden Award. For additional information, please contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Arts Scholarship

Monday, **March 18** is the deadline for Bowie residents to submit applications for the City’s Arts Scholarship. High school seniors and students currently enrolled in college can apply for the scholarship as long as they are majoring in a visual or performing arts program.

Details about the scholarship are available in the guidance departments of high schools attended by City residents and also on the City’s website, www.cityofbowie.org.

Excellence in Education Scholarship

Monday, **March 18** is the deadline for Bowie residents to submit applications for the City’s Excellence in Education Scholarship. Applicants must be nominated by their high school principals with a limit of four nominees per school. Home-schooled students can contact the City directly for scholarship information.

Scholarship applications are available only in the guidance office of area public and private high schools that Bowie students attend.

For more information about these items, please contact Annette Esterheld at aesterheld@cityofbowie.org or 301-575-5601.

Art Notes

Photography Exhibit

Come visit national and state parks photographs in the March 2013 Art Gallery “Parks in the U.S.” exhibit at City Hall. Marion Shipman, a member of the Arts Committee and a professional photographer, together with other photographers from his studio are the artists for this one-month exhibit that runs from March 18 through April 12. Other photographers in the exhibit include John M. Smith and Tyrone Kohlheim. The three photographers have been working together for four years on a variety of artist projects within the United States.

Waterworks Exhibit

On **Saturday, April 13**, the Arts Committee will jury art for its exhibit entitled “Waterworks”. The Committee is looking for artwork that illustrates the power and beauty of water in all its forms, such as natural waterscapes, weather phenomena, and other creative uses and features. Artists may submit one or two paintings, photographs or pieces of sculpture.

Artists are asked to drop off work between 9 and 10 a.m. for jurying. Any artist residing in Maryland, Virginia, or the District of Columbia, 18 years of age and older, is eligible to exhibit. More information and a downloadable application can be found on the City’s website, www.cityofbowie.org. The “Waterworks” exhibit will be on display from **April 15 through July 12**.

Public Art Master Plan

City Council approved the City’s Public Art Master Plan at its January 22, 2013 Council Meeting. The plan gives details about the City’s existing public artwork and presents a timeline of suggested future projects. The Arts Committee developed the Public Art Master Plan, but will need Council approval for individual projects suggested. The plan can be found on the City’s webpage.

For more information about these items, please contact Arts Specialist Annette Esterheld at aesterheld@cityofbowie.org or 301-575-5601.



Teachers of the Month



The Teacher of the Month program is a way to recognize Bowie teachers and educators at eligible schools who are making a difference in the lives of Bowie children. Nominations can be submitted by parents, students, other teachers, administrative staff, and principals, or other Bowie community members. Eligible schools include: Bowie and Tall Oaks High Schools; Benjamin Tasker and Samuel Ogle Middle Schools; St. Pius X Regional, Grace Christian, Cornerstone Christian Academy, Holy Trinity (lower campus), Heather Hills, High Bridge, Kenilworth, Northview, Pointer Ridge, Rockledge, Tulip Grove, Whitehall and Yorktown Elementary Schools; Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center and C. Elizabeth Rieg Special Center. Nomination forms are available at eligible schools and from the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org.

Teacher honorees are recognized at City Council Meetings and each receives a \$50 check and a certificate of recognition from the City, a coupon for dinner at Texas Roadhouse, and a coupon for a pizza party for the teacher's homeroom provided by T. J. Elliott's.

For more information, please contact Annette Esterheld at aesterheld@cityofbowie.org or 301-575-5601.

Community Planning and Development

The City of Bowie is an Entitlement Community with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is required to submit a five-year Consolidated Plan (FY 2014-2018) to HUD's Community Planning and Development Division. This plan must cover the use of HUD funds for eligible projects in the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). In January 2013, the City's Grants Office mailed a Community Needs Survey to 30% of the City's households. The survey was also sent to the business community, local churches, and nonprofits. The survey identified areas such as housing, community development, and non-housing development needs within the City. It required those completing it to rank the overall level of need for various types of programs and projects. This input ultimately helps guide the City's planning process to produce a plan that will benefit the Bowie community over the next five years.

A series of Community Outreach meetings have also been scheduled throughout the City to gain input from Bowie citizenry on the creation of the 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan. The "Con-Plan Process" looks at the City's demographics, support for the homeless and disabled, sustainability initiatives, and includes input and recommendations from residents, neighborhood groups, businesses, developers and public/private sector service providers. We have conducted several Community Outreach meetings so far, and upcoming meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m. on the following dates:

- **March 12 – Huntington Community Center**, 13022 8th Street
- **March 27 – Kenhill Center**, 2614 Kenhill Drive
- **April 11 – Cornerstone Assembly of God Church**, 16010 Annapolis Road

We encourage you to attend and let us know what your community needs are as well as the types of programs you believe are important to a vibrant, productive, and sustainable City of Bowie.

The final City Council approved Consolidated Plan document must be submitted to HUD by May 15, 2013. For additional information, please contact Kimberly Williams, Office of Grant Development and Administration, at kwilliams@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3009.

April 6th Stream Cleanup

The City will hold its eleventh Stream Team Cleanup on **Saturday, April 6, 2013**, from 9 a.m. to noon, rain or shine. The City hopes to increase participation this spring with new volunteers and looks forward to working with your school, church, civic group, homeowners' association, and/or business to clean your nearby stream. Bowie's Stream Teams walk along specific segments of streams across the City and pick up trash and litter that would otherwise wash down to the Patuxent River and head to the Chesapeake Bay. Cleanup days are a good time for Bowie residents to get out into the environment and experience nature while working to protect Bowie's water resources. We will provide volunteers with all necessary supplies and a small thank-you gift. You just need to have sturdy shoes or boots, long sleeves, water, and fun!

Students who volunteer could earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours, and Scouts will receive a Green Bowie patch or year bar. For more information or to nominate a stream near you, visit www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie or contact Tiffany Wright at twright@cityofbowie.org.

Fourth Annual Rain Barrel Workshop

Join the City and the Bowie Lions Club for this spring's rain barrel workshop on **Saturday, April 27** from 10 - 11 a.m. at City Hall, Room 243. A brief presentation on the importance and use of rain barrels will be followed by a demonstration of how to install the fully assembled 55-gallon rain barrels that will be for sale. Blue barrels are \$65, and white barrels are \$75, and all proceeds benefit the Bowie Lions Club. Donuts and coffee will be provided. For information or to reserve your spot, contact Tiffany Wright at twright@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3043.

Save the Date - May 18, 2013

The **Second Annual Backyard Habitat Tour** is scheduled for **May 18, 2013!** Details are still being worked out, but you'll be able to visit some of Bowie's certified habitats to learn how your neighbors are providing food, water and shelter, and using sustainable gardening practices to counter habitat loss and destruction. Watch the next edition of the *Spotlight* for more details.

Third Annual Green Expo

The Bowie Lions Club, the City of Bowie and the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce are joining forces to sponsor the Third Annual Green Expo. This year's Expo will take place on **Saturday, April 13, 2013**, at the Kenhill Center (2614 Kenhill Drive) from 1 to 4 p.m.

This free community-wide, family-oriented event features local environmental groups, nonprofits, and local and regional businesses offering green products or services. You will learn how to have a healthy and happy lifestyle while reducing your environmental footprint. For more information, visit www.bowiegreenexpo.org.

Challenge Yourself With Our "Recycling Quiz"

You received a smart phone for the holidays that has games, streams movies, and even has a GPS. What do you do with your old phone?

Answer: See www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie.



Code Corner

There are several changes to the Bowie City Code that became effective January 2, 2013. The following is a brief outline.

Chapter 5, Building and Property Maintenance

- City of Bowie building permits are required prior to construction.
- The term “Open Storage” now includes inoperative vehicles.
- Unless specified elsewhere, the fines for violations of the Building and Property Maintenance Code are: First violation, \$100; Second violation, \$200; and Subsequent violations, \$500.
- Carbon monoxide detectors are required in homes with a fossil fuel burning heater or appliance, gas or wood burning fireplace, or an attached garage. The detectors are to be placed on each level of the home and within 10’ (ten feet) of each sleeping area.

Chapter 14, Motor Vehicle and Traffic

- It is illegal to park a vehicle on a City street within 3’ (three feet) of a driveway without permission of the driveway owner.
- Boats and open watercraft and their trailers, cargo trailers and camping vehicles are prohibited from being parked on a City street except to load and unload.

Chapter 22, Streets and Sidewalks

- Tree branches must be kept trimmed to provide a clearance of 9’ (nine feet) over a public sidewalk and 14’ (fourteen feet) above the street.
- If the Community Forester determines a tree on private property is in imminent danger to City property, the property owner must abate the nuisance or the City will trim or remove the tree, at the property owner’s expense.

For more information on these and other Code changes, contact the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 or sroberts@cityofbowie.org or visit our website - www.cityofbowie.org.

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?

The answers to these questions will be provided by Doyle Niemann, Assistant State’s Attorney and leader of the Economic Crimes Unit for the Prince George’s County State’s Attorney’s Office, 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 March 1, 2, and 5 at 6 p.m., and March 3 at 12 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Animal Control

If you have a pet within the City, it is your responsibility to know what the laws are that pertain to them. If you haven't read the City Code, it's likely you may be unaware of some these important requirements in your community.

- All cats, dogs, and ferrets over the age of four months must have a current rabies vaccine.
- All cats, dogs, and ferrets over the age of four months must have a current Prince George's County pet license.
- To have five or more companion animals, one must first obtain a hobby permit from Prince George's County Animal Management Division.
- No animal is permitted to be off its owner's property except when under owner's restraint (i.e. on leash or in a carrier).
- Animals cannot be tethered, tied, or chained within the City unless a responsible person is present to supervise and ensure cruel or nuisance conditions do not occur.
- You must immediately remove and properly dispose of your pet's excrement.

These are just a few Code highlights. For the complete list of Animal Control requirements, see Chapter 4 of the Bowie City Code and Subtitle 3 of the Prince George's County Code, or contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002 or lransom@cityofbowie.org. Violations of City and County Codes are punishable by fines and/or impoundment of the animal(s).

Bowiefest

The City is busy planning Bowiefest 2013 for **Saturday, June 1, 2013**. If you would like your organization or business to be part of this Bowie tradition, go to the City's website - www.cityofbowie.org - to obtain a registration application.

Local nonprofit groups, including environmental and civic organizations, are encouraged to participate in order to share valuable information and extend invitations to join their groups. Nonprofit and commercial food vendors are invited to apply, although limited spaces are available.

Registration deadline is April 12, 2013.

The Business Expo, sponsored by the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce (GBCC), will be held in the Bowie Ice Arena and will showcase many local and regional companies. For information about the Business Expo, see the online application or contact the GBCC at 301-262-0920.

The arts and crafts area, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton, will feature vendors from far and wide selling their handicrafts. For information about the arts and crafts area or to become a vendor, see the online application or contact the Soroptimist International at 301-262-0953.

Entertainment will be provided on two stages throughout the day. If you have a group based in Bowie, contact Matt Corley for consideration. For more information, contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

The Bowie Business Innovation Center is Accepting Applications

Is your business ready to grow? Would you like to capture more customers to generate more revenue? Are you ready for business mentoring tailored to the unique needs of your company?

If so, apply now to join the Bowie Business Innovation Center (BIC) business incubation program located at Bowie State University. Eleven Bowie area businesses are already working with the management team and service providers at Bowie BIC to get the individual business support they need to grow their businesses - and there is room for your business, too.

Bowie BIC is a business incubation program for innovative companies. The Bowie BIC program assists clients operating many types of professional service companies, such as business consultants, project management companies, social media and marketing companies, financial services and training companies.

In addition to affordable office space, plus mentoring and business support provided by the on-site management team, Bowie BIC resident clients also have access to the following business amenities: internet access, phone and voicemail, business mail slots, reception services, conference room access, business seminars and networking events. To apply to the Bowie BIC, contact Crystal Simpkins, Operations Manager, at 301-383-1550 x105 or crystal.simpkins@bowiebic.com to schedule your tour of Bowie BIC today!

Also, mark your calendar for a free "Lunch and Learn" business seminar at Bowie BIC entitled "Create a Strategic Financial Plan to Grow Your Business", on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The featured speaker is William D. Fields, Jr. of Strategic Performance Partners. Lunch and Learn seminars are presented each month by local experts who share their knowledge, insight, and experience on a variety of topics relevant to young companies and entrepreneurs. Lunch will be served at each presentation, courtesy of the speaker. Each session is FREE to attend but registration is required. Contact crystal.simpkins@bowiebic.com to register for this event.

2013 Bike to Work Day

Friday, May 17, 2013

Two Bowie Pit Stops:

Bowie Town Center Food Court and

Old Town Bowie Fire Station, 9th Street

Gear up for Bike to Work Day 2013 - a free event full of fun, food and prizes. Join thousands of area commuters and show your support for bicycling by taking part in a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work. For more information, contact Frank Stevens in the City's Planning Department at 301-809-3053 or fstevens@cityofbowie.org. Registration will begin in early March at www.commuterconnection.org or www.waba.org.



WMATA Bus Service

Public Meeting -

Tell Us What You Think

All are invited to attend a public meeting on improving bus service for the B-lines, which serve the area of the City north of Bowie Town Center. The meeting will be held at the Bowie Senior Center on Thursday, **March 21, 2013** at 5:30 p.m.

For details and to take a ridership survey, go to www.metrobus-studies.com.

Hydrant Flushing Begins in April

The Bowie Public Works Department will begin the annual fire hydrant flushing and testing program in areas served by City water. Hydrant flushing will occur during daylight hours from approximately 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., according to the following schedule:

April 8 and 9	Buckingham, Derbyshire and Forest Drive
April 10 and 11	Somerset and Bowie Forest
April 12 and 15	Tulip Grove
April 16	Foxhill and Long Ridge
April 17 - 19	Kenilworth
April 22	Heather Hills
April 23 - 26	Meadowbrook
April 29	Gradys Walk and Glenridge
April 30	Chapel Forge
May 1	Victoria Heights and Race Track Road Townhouses
May 2	Idlewild
May 3	Yorktown and Overbrook
May 6	Whitehall
May 7	Rockledge

Because some discoloration of your water may occur, clothes washing is discouraged on your scheduled day. If your clothes become discolored, keep them wet and rewash them using a rust remover. Free rust remover will be available at City Hall and the Public Works offices.

The water is safe for drinking and bathing, even though it may be discolored. The discoloration is a result of rust and sediment buildup in the water lines and is not harmful. The discoloration should clear in approximately 24 hours. However, since all the water mains are interconnected, when flushing of hydrants in adjacent sections is performed, it may affect your water.

For more information, please call the Public Works Department at 301-809-2336.



Bowie Ice Arena

301-809-3090

Public Sessions A schedule of public sessions can be obtained on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org, or by calling 301-262-6200 for the recorded message. The Ice Arena offers family sessions, group rates and disc jockey sessions. Please call the Ice Arena for additional information.

Group Lessons A four-week series of lessons will be held during the month of April. Classes will be offered for children ages 18 months of age through adults. Please call the Ice Arena for additional information.

Summer Camps Registration for summer skating camp begins March 15. Camps will be held during the months of July and August. Half-day camps will be offered for children ages 3 - 6, and full-day camps will be offered for children ages 6 - 13. Specialty camps will also be offered for hockey and figure skating. For a detailed listing of camp offerings, please call the Arena at 301-809-3090 or visit us online at www.cityofbowie.org.

Free Skate Rental with Paid Admission

Bowie Ice Arena

Not valid during DJ Session.
Not valid with any other discount or offer.

Expires 4/30/13

2 for 1 Admission

Bowie Ice Arena

Skate rental is \$3. Not valid during DJ Session.
Not valid with any other discount or offer.

Expires 4/30/13

Bowie Youth & Family Services

Counseling Services are offered to families with children in the home who are under 18 years of age and live in the City of Bowie or the greater Prince George's County metropolitan area. Often concerns surface within families that can be eased with the help of a professional. Issues may include anger, bullying, depression, anxiety, family conflict, grief, decision making, school problems, social skills, suicidal thoughts, the impact of separation/divorce. Families are encouraged to call **301-809-3033** to initiate services. We have highly qualified and experienced professional counselors who will work with you in developing appropriate solutions.

Groups are offered throughout the year. Call **301-809-3033** for information on registration, dates and fees.

Family Transitions – Adjusting to life in a one-parent household regardless of the reason. The group involves two groups, one for the parent, the other for their elementary school-aged children. The kids explore stressful life events using games, crafts and discussion, while parents learn about listening and problem-solving techniques.

Girls Count! – For high school teen girls. Every girl struggles with complex issues in today's world. Teens discuss topics that matter to them and gain tools to cope and support each other.

Active Parenting – Parents focus on learning practical skills to help develop cooperation and responsibility in their child.

ADHD Education – Two groups run simultaneously. Adults learn about ADHD/ADD and new ways to help their child. Children, ages 8-10, focus on improving social skills.

Social Skills – Children, ages 8-11, benefit from extra practice with their social skills including making friends, initiating or joining conversations, and appropriate social body language (eye contact, etc.).

Mom's Caring for Self While Caring for Others – Enjoy eight weeks of sharing with other women; learning skills to nurture ourselves as we continue to give to those we love.

Teen Job Bank - Need help, Bowie citizens? Help our youth help themselves by giving them a job. Call **301-809-3033** to get names of teens who are willing to help you with a household chore for a fee.

Mosquito Control Begins at Home

The tiger mosquito is a very aggressive day-biting mosquito, which is a serious pest in parts of Maryland. The City's mosquito control program cannot adequately control this species due to its habits. It breeds in containers in yards where we cannot treat and nighttime spray operations are not very effective for the tiger mosquito because it rests in sheltered areas where the spray will not reach. Reduce mosquito annoyance in your yard and neighborhood by eliminating sites around the outside of the house that serve as a habitat for mosquito larvae. All mosquito larvae need standing water to develop. As little as one-half inch of water in a discarded can or container will support dozens of mosquitoes.

The mosquitoes can breed in as little as a tablespoon of standing water. The flight range for tiger mosquitoes is only 100 yards. It is very small with white stripes. Adult mosquitoes only live for one - two weeks. It takes no longer than two weeks for mosquito eggs to become adults. The only way to successfully beat the tiger mosquito is to eliminate breeding sites.

Places in your yard that could breed the tiger mosquito include clogged gutters, tire casings, birdbaths, canoes or boats (stored right-side up), tarps over log piles, kiddie pools, wheelbarrows or watering cans, buckets, cans or bottles, trash cans without lids (or lids themselves, if upside down), and pet water dishes, among others.

To prevent breeding, keep grass short and brush cut back to limit areas where adult mosquitoes can rest. And stock ornamental ponds with fish that will eat mosquito larvae. For more information or to report a mosquito problem, contact csullivan@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-2336.

Bowie Playhouse Presents



IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY -- 2/22 - 3/9

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. 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 or call 301-832-4819.

JOHN BALL'S IN THE HEAT OF THE NIGHT -- 3/15 - 3/30

John Ball's "In the Heat of the Night" is based on the award-winning book, Oscar winning film and Emmy winning television series! In Argo, Alabama, 1962, the murder of a white man leads to a black man's arrest - but the suspect is a homicide detective from California. Detective Tibbs becomes the racially-charged community's only hope in solving a brutal murder - with no witnesses, motives or clues. NYTheatre.com says it's "taut and startlingly resonant...uncompromising...suspenseful, thrilling, and stunningly theatrical". 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 or call 301-805-0219.

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE -- 4/11 - 4/27

This play is the theatrical version of Jane Austen's famous novel from 1813 of the same name. The free-thinking heroine Elizabeth Bennett is pressured to find a husband by her mother and sisters. She meets a string of unsuitable suitors. Finally, she meets the handsome Mr. Darcy who is rich and arrogant. This play explores manners and the nature of love and independence. Austen's classic comes alive in this stage adaptation keeping its wit and romantic themes. Produced by Annapolis Shakespeare Company. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Saturday matinees are at 2 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. For tickets, visit www.annapolishakespeare.org or call 410-415-3513.



All performances are at the Bowie Playhouse, located in Whitemarsh Park, 16500 Whitemarsh Park Drive. For tickets sales and information about the theater groups, please contact the theater companies directly. All theater groups now offer online tickets for shows.

News of the City Museums



Mark Your Calendar

“Food in the War of 1812” Second Tuesday Lecture - Tuesday, March 12, 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Join author Katie Moose in a trip to explore foodways of the past. Free.

Kids Kaboose - Tuesdays, March 19 and April 16, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun and games for ages 1-11. Free.

Women’s History Month 18th Century Ladies’ Day - Saturday, March 23, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Four speakers, plus hands-on activities will explore colonial women’s history. Bring a brown bag lunch; coffee, beverages and snacks provided. \$25 per person. Reservations required.

Brown Bag Lunch Lecture - Monday, March 25, 12 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Celebrate Maryland Day with some “bytes” of Maryland history while you munch! Bring your lunch, coffee and tea provided. Free.

Home-School Open House at the Railroad Museum - Monday, April 1, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Home-school groups are invited to learn about railroading and Bowie’s earliest history. The program is appropriate for children ages 5-12. Free.

Post Civil War African American History in Prince George’s County - Saturday, April 6, 9:30 a.m. at National Wildlife Visitor Center. The Prince George’s Historic Sites Consortium, in partnership with the City of Bowie Museums, presents a day-long symposium on African American life in our County after the Civil War. Fee is \$30 per person, reservations required, lunch included.

“Folklore and History of the Patuxent River and Today’s Citizen Advocacy Campaign” Second Tuesday Lecture - Tuesday, April 9, 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Free. Riverkeeper Fred Tutman will discuss the river, its long history and folklore and the ways citizens of today work to protect it for the future.

For information on these, or any museum program, please call 301-809-3089 or email museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

Hours of Operation

Belair Mansion, Tuesdays through Sundays, 12 - 4 p.m., 12207 Tulip Grove Drive. Free.

Belair Stable Museum, Tuesdays through Sundays, 12 - 4 p.m., 2835 Belair Drive. Free.

Old Town Bowie Welcome Center, Tuesdays - Sundays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 8606 Chestnut Avenue, 301-575-2488. Free.

Bowie Railroad Museum, Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 8614 Chestnut Avenue. Free.

To schedule a group tour of any of the above City Museums, or for more information, please call 301-809-3089.

The National Capital Radio and Television Museum, Fridays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 1 - 5 p.m., 2608 Mitchellville Road. Free. *To contact this Museum, call 301-390-1020.*

The Prince George’s Genealogical Library, Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. (first Wednesday of the month 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.), 12219 Tulip Grove Drive. Free. *For information, call 301-262-2063 during open hours.*

Senior Services Overview

The Bowie Senior Center provides a wide variety of educational and recreational programs and services that include information and assistance, transportation, and a nutrition program for the active adult 55 years of age and older.

Fling Into Spring with a Flash From the Past

**Wednesday, March 20
12:30 p.m.**

Join us as we celebrate spring and take you back to the sixties! Make a peace sign and wear a tie-dye shirt! DJ and light refreshments. \$3 residents/\$4 nonresidents. Register at the front desk.

Play Bocce Ball

**Friday, March 22,
1 p.m.**

Join us as we demonstrate how to play Bocce ball, weather permitting. **Sign up and play Bocce ball March 4 - April 1.** The tournament begins May 1 and ends July 29, followed by playoffs. Sign up at the front desk.



Strike Up the Band

Do you play an instrument? Are you interested in forming a "Bowie Senior Center Band"? If interested, please stop by the front desk and let us know what instrument you play.

Telephone Reassurance Program

This offers homebound and isolated seniors in the community the opportunity to receive a friendly, reassuring weekly phone call. If you would like to participate in this program, please contact Kathy White at 301-809-2300.

Veterans Wall of Honor

Each veteran has a fascinating story to tell of their time in the military. The Center has created a Wall of Honor (near the lobby). The framed display will change every month or two. If you have served our country and would be willing to share a part of your story, please sign up at the front desk.

Book Expo - Call for Authors

Calling all authors, published, self-published or independently published! Would you like to read your work, launch your book and meet avid readers? We invite you to participate in the second "Book Lovers Expo" on **May 22** from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. If interested, contact Jenny Tringali at 301-809-2300 or jtringali@cityofbowie.org for an application. Apply by April 1.

Bowie Senior Center, 14900 Health Center Drive

301-809-2300, www.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter

Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Friday,
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.;
and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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Upcoming Events

Education & Arts Scholarships

Deadline

*Monday, March 18, 2013
5 p.m., Bowie City Hall*

Stream Cleanup

*Saturday, April 6, 2013
9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Various
streams throughout the City*

Third Annual Green Expo

*Saturday, April 13, 2013
1 - 4 p.m., Kenhill Center*

Bike to Work Day

Friday, May 17, 2013

What's Bouncing at the Bowie Gym?

Here are some events planned for the Bowie Gymnasium during the months of March and April 2013.

American Red Cross Blood Drive - Tuesday, March 19, from 2 - 8 p.m. Preregister online at www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation.

2013 Community Summer Camp Fair - Saturday, April 6, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Come and check out opportunities for your children during the summer break. This Fair features all types of programs, not just athletic camps. Free admission! Table space is still available.

Women's Recreational Volleyball - Every Friday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. No experience needed. Come out and get some exercise and meet new friends!

Spring Session of Lil Hoopers Basketball - For ages 4-8 years. Registration fee is \$65 for the six-week program and includes instruction, t-shirt, closing program and more! Contact the Gym for additional information.

For more information on any of these programs, contact the Bowie Gymnasium at 301-809-2388.