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# Bowie News

## Spring Arts & Crafts Market

Come join in on the fun! Support small and local businesses at the Spring Arts and Crafts Market on **April 15** from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Bowie Senior Center (14900 Health Center Drive). For more information, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/artsandcraftsmarket](http://www.cityofbowie.org/artsandcraftsmarket).



## Spring Hydrant Flushing

The Public Works Department performs fire hydrant flushing and testing in areas served by Bowie Water Service twice a year. Spring hydrant flushing started on April 3 and will continue through May 10. Flushing takes place on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., according to the schedule below.

Spring 2023 Hydrant Flushing Schedule	
Week of April 10	Tulip Grove, Foxhill, & Long Ridge
Week of April 17	Kenilworth & Heather Hills
Week of April 24	Meadowbrook, Gradys Walk, Glenridge & Chapel Forge
Week of May 1	Victoria Heights, Race Track Road Townhouses, Idlewild, Yorktown, & Overbrook
Week of May 8	Whitehall & Rockledge

The work may stir up sediment in pipes and cause temporary water discoloration. The water is safe to drink, but washing clothes is not recommended when hydrants are flushed nearby. For more information, visit: [www.cityofbowie.org/flushing](http://www.cityofbowie.org/flushing).

## Grand Opening of Police Department Community Information Center

The grand opening for the Bowie Police Department Information Center, in the former Zales space across from Barnes & Noble at the Bowie Town Center, is **April 15**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This "community corner" will be occupied by sworn officers as well as volunteer ambassadors for the

Bowie Police Department. The center will be accessible to all and will provide general department information, hiring processes and crime prevention awareness. For service calls, call 911 in an emergency or 240-544-5700 in non-emergency situations.

## DEA Drug Take Back Day

Drop off your unused or expired medications, as well as pet medications, on **April 22** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bowie Police Department. This event is held in partnership with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to ensure safe and secure disposal.



## City of Bowie Budget Review Worksessions

The City Council has begun its review of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and Capital Improvements Program. A public hearing on the budget was held on April 10. There will be another public hearing on May 1. Residents are invited to attend the budget worksessions and the upcoming hearing on the budget. Agendas for each meeting are posted the Friday prior to a scheduled meeting at: [www.cityofbowie.org/agenda](http://www.cityofbowie.org/agenda).

- **April 17, 8 p.m.** - Regular City Council Meeting and Budget Worksession #2: Public Works Department and Water and Sewer Fund.
- **April 24, 8 p.m.** - Budget Worksession #3: Department of Community Services.
- **April 26, 8 p.m.** - Budget Worksession #4: City Manager's Office, Police Department, Finance Department, and Nondepartmental.
- **May 1, 8 p.m.** - Regular City Council Meeting, Public Hearing #2 on Budget, CIP & Constant Yield Tax Rate.
- **May 8, 8 p.m.** - Budget Worksession #5: Department of Planning & Sustainability, Information Technology, Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Fund, General Fund Summaries, Appendix (including Plan of Compensation), and wrap-up.
- **May 15, 8 p.m.** - Regular City Council Meeting: Adoption of FY 2024 Budget & CIP.

If you are unable to attend in person, you can tune in live at: [www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings](http://www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings), FIOS 10/Comcast 71/996, or YouTube @cityofBowieMD.

## **Bowie Race Track Recreational Development Ideas Workshop**

The Bowie Race Track Property Task Force will hold a workshop on **May 13, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at the Kenhill Center, to gather public comments on preliminary concepts and ideas for recreational development of the property. The workshop will review the results of the community survey and the December public workshop. You can also learn about recreational opportunity needs identified by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the recreational use concepts created by the Task Force.

Under current State law, the property will eventually transfer to the City, and both the City and Bowie State University have pledged cooperation in creating a recreational use plan for the property that includes public recreation areas and some University-sponsored recreational and open space activities. This will be an important opportunity to provide your input and ideas before the Task Force makes recommendations to the City Council at a public hearing tentatively scheduled for July 10. For more information, [visit the project webpage](#), email Joe Meinert at [jmeinert@cityofbowie.org](mailto:jmeinert@cityofbowie.org) or call the Planning Department at 301-809-3045.

## **Green Tip of the Week**

As we celebrate Earth Month this April, consider buying in bulk. Purchasing items in bulk reduces packaging waste, is more cost-effective in the long term, and saves resources.

## **Green Bowie**

The Green Bowie E-Newsletter is published monthly. Check out the April issue to learn more about these topics:

- Green Bowie news and updates
- Upcoming green events around the City and Earth Month activities
- Green Bowie programs for residents
- Sustainable opportunities and resources available to you
- How to get involved or volunteer
- Sustainable lifestyle tips

If you are interested in receiving this type of information in your email inbox monthly, be sure to [subscribe!](#)

## **Celebrate Arbor Day**

Join us at Acorn Hill Park on **April 22** at 10 a.m. to celebrate the City of Bowie's Arbor Day event! This year, the tree planter's holiday marks its 151st anniversary. The event will include a City Proclamation, Memorial Tree Recognition, and an Arbor Tree Dedication. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, please contact John Haughey at 301-809-3062 or [jhaughey@cityofbowie.org](mailto:jhaughey@cityofbowie.org).

## Earth Day Celebration & Movie Night

Join the Green Team in celebrating Earth Day on **April 22** at Allen Pond! The event kicks off at 4 p.m. with a fishing demonstration for kids (all materials and instruction provided), followed by a group walk. There will also be resource tables around the park, offering information on ways to create healthier lunches for you and the planet, Green Bowie programs, Green Team information, and more. At 7 p.m., join us for a Zumba class suitable for all activity levels. Finally, close out the night at 8:15 p.m. with the screening of the movie *Madagascar* (PG). All attendees can enter their name into a raffle for a fun sustainable prize! The drawing will occur before the start of the movie. Bring blankets, chairs, and snacks or purchase food from an on-site food truck. Please contact [eozenford@cityofbowie.org](mailto:eozenford@cityofbowie.org) with any questions.



## Bowie Advisory Planning Board: Marketplace Public Hearing

Berman Enterprises has filed an application for Detailed Site Plan approval of a multi-story consolidated storage use and car wash that is intended to replace the approved 225-unit multi-family apartment building on the vacant five acres behind Bowie Marketplace. The Bowie Advisory Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the matter on **April 25**, 7 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers.

A Virtual Stakeholders Meeting was held on October 12, 2022 to review the proposal and answer questions from the community. The recording of that meeting may be [viewed](#) on the City's YouTube channel.

## Bowie Community Theatre Presents “All My Sons”

In 1947 suburbia, Joe Keller is on the cusp of retirement. He’s had a successful career as a hard-working businessman, and enjoys a loving, patriotic home life. However, all is not as it seems. World War II has made Joe an American success story—but the devil will have his due. As the layers of this classic Arthur Miller drama unfold, a long-held secret is unearthed, and the American dream is riddled

with betrayal, tragedy, and revenge. “All My Sons” runs at the Bowie Playhouse through **April 23**. Performances are every Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., or on Sundays at 2 p.m. Visit [Bowie Community Theatre’s website](#) to purchase tickets.

## Electronics Recycling & Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

The Prince George’s County Department of the Environment is hosting an Electronics Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Disposal Day on **April 29**, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Bowie Baysox Stadium. View the list of acceptable items at [www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/612/Facilities](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/612/Facilities).

## Community Development Virtual Hearings

The City of Bowie surveyed City residents, neighborhood groups, businesses, the faith community, and public and private sector service providers to assess community needs in the areas of housing, homelessness, and community development. Survey results will be used in an assessment of community development needs for the FY 24 - 28 Consolidated Plan for the City’s Community Development Block Grant program, which includes rehabilitation of single-family homes, workforce development, and fair housing. All information related to the Consolidated Plan development process is posted online at [www.cityofbowie.org/conplan](http://www.cityofbowie.org/conplan). Public hearings to gather additional feedback will be held on **April 26** online via Zoom. Register on the program webpage.

## Sign-up for Alert Bowie

Signing up for Alert Bowie is an essential step for anyone who wants to stay informed about emergencies, public safety news, and what is happening in Bowie. This service provides accurate, up-to-the-minute emergency notifications and informational messages to subscribers, via text message and email and sometimes by phone calls to your cell phone or landline. Whether it's severe weather, road closures, service updates, or news, these alerts will help you stay safe and informed. To sign up for Alert Bowie, simply visit [www.cityofbowie.org/alerts](http://www.cityofbowie.org/alerts) or call 301-809-3032 for assistance.



## Job Openings

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

### Open until April 14

- [Museum Manager/Curator](#) - Community Services

### Open until April 21

- [Building Maintenance Superintendent](#) - Community Services

### Open until April 28

- [Temporary Laborer: Storm Water \(Seasonal\)](#) - Stormwater Management
- [Part time Community Enhancement Worker](#) – Community Services

### Open until filled

- [Assistant Director of Public Works](#) - Public Works Department
- [Entry Level Police Officer](#) - Police Department
- [Communications Specialist II](#) - Police Department
- [Family Counselor](#) - Community Services
- [Solid Waste Driver/Collector](#) – Public Works

- [Part time Ice Arena Attendant](#) - Community Services
- [Part time Bus Driver](#) - Community Services

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

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### April 14

- [Kid's Kaboose at Bowie Railroad Museum](#) | 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- ["All My Sons" at Bowie Playhouse](#) | 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

### April 15

- [Spring Arts & Crafts Market](#) | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- [Grand Opening of Bowie Police Community Information Center](#) | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- ["All My Sons" at Bowie Playhouse](#) | 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

### April 16

- ["All My Sons" at Bowie Playhouse](#) | 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### April 21

- [Wine and Design: Stained Glass Bottles](#) | 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- ["All My Sons" at Bowie Playhouse](#) | 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

### April 22

- [Monarch Waystation Cleanup at Centennial Park](#) | 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- [Celebrate Arbor Day](#) | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- [DEA Drug Take Back Day](#) | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/calendar](http://www.cityofbowie.org/calendar) for details about other upcoming events sponsored by the City.