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## Bowie News

### Field of Honor Opening Ceremony

Between **May 26 and June 5**, Sussex Lane Park will be transformed into a Field of Honor, featuring a display of US flags flying in solemn formation in honor of those who serve or in memory of those who served in the past; including veterans, active military personnel, professions that have helped during the pandemic, and to loved ones lost. The opening ceremony will take place on **May 26** at 7 p.m. at Sussex Lane Park. We invite you to walk among the field of flags during the week they are on display and remember the honorees for their shared legacy of service. For more information, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/fieldofhonor](http://www.cityofbowie.org/fieldofhonor).

### Memorial Day Parade is this Saturday

Don't miss one of Bowie's most loved events! The Memorial Day parade begins at 11 a.m. at the Bowie High School Annex on **May 27**. The route continues down Belair drive (toward 450), turns right on Sussex Lane, and then makes another right onto Stonybrook Drive where participants will perform in front of the reviewing stand at Acorn Hill Park. View the parade from the reviewing stand or bring a chair and watch anywhere along the route! For more information go to [www.cityofbowie.org/parade](http://www.cityofbowie.org/parade). Click on the graphic below to watch the video:



### Sunday Sunset Concert Series

It's that time of year! The Sunday Sunset Concert Series will begin on **May 28** and run every Sunday through Labor Day Weekend at Allen Pond Park. Concerts are free. They begin at 7 p.m. and last an hour. If you are unable to attend in person, you can still view the concerts live on Comcast Channels 71 and 996 and Verizon Channel 10. Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/concerts](http://www.cityofbowie.org/concerts) for a list of scheduled bands.

## Memorial Day Holiday Closures

City offices, the Senior Center, Gymnasium, and historic properties are closed on **May 29** in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. There is no trash or recycling service on this date. Service will resume on your next regularly scheduled pickup day.

## Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Park

On **May 29**, local veterans organizations will be hosting a Memorial Day ceremony at Veterans Park in Old Town Bowie at 11 a.m. The ceremony is an opportunity to honor and remember the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The event is open to the public and will pay tribute to our fallen heroes on this important day of remembrance.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Star Productions Presents “Something Rotten” at the Playhouse

Set in the 1590s, brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom are desperate to write a hit play but are stuck in the shadow of Renaissance rock star, William Shakespeare. When the local soothsayer foretells that the future of theater involves singing, dancing, and acting at the same time, Nick sets out to write the world’s very first musical. But amidst the scandalous excitement of the opening night, the Bottom brothers realize that reaching the top means being true to thine own self, and all that jazz.

“Something Rotten” runs at the Bowie Playhouse from **May 26 - June 24**. Performances are every Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Visit [2<sup>nd</sup> Star Production’s website](#) to purchase tickets.

## Senior Information Fair

The Senior Center is hosting an Information Fair on **June 2**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event focuses on helping older adults age well. Knowledgeable professionals from private industry and government agencies will be available to provide valuable information and answer personal questions. The fair will cover a wide range of topics including health, assisted living, downsizing, finances, transportation, and more. Don't miss out on the chance to win giveaways as well.



## Bowiefest Returns June 3

Bowiefest is back! The City is busy planning Bowiefest 2023, which celebrates 46 years of the best of Bowie. This year's event will be held on **June 3** from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and will feature over 200 vendors and three stages of entertainment. The headline performance this year will be *The Fabulous Hubcaps*. In addition to bands, Bowiefest will feature dance performances and a karate demonstration. There will be a Children's Stage, with several shows aimed at delighting curious young minds. Along with the abundance of stage entertainment, there are rides for the kids, including several slides, a trackless train, an obstacle course and even pony rides. Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/bowiefest](http://www.cityofbowie.org/bowiefest) for more information.



## Dig Into Gardening Fun in Bowie

Calling all green thumbs and veggie enthusiasts in Bowie! The City of Bowie is offering residents the opportunity to get their hands dirty and grow their own delicious, nutritious produce. Say goodbye to store-bought veggies and hello to your very own garden plot at Bowie's Community Garden.

Located behind the Kenhill Center on 2614 Kenhill Drive, this garden space is where teamwork, sustainability, and a love for the environment thrive. As of May 24, 2023, there are still 9 plots available, waiting to be transformed into bountiful gardens. Plots are assigned on a first come, first served basis, so dust off your gardening gloves and complete an application soon. You will be contacted about payment if a plot is assigned to you.

Only City of Bowie residents can reserve a garden plot. Choose between an 8 ft. x 8 ft. plot for \$40 or a slightly smaller 5 ft. x 8 ft. plot for \$25. Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/communitygarden](http://www.cityofbowie.org/communitygarden) to view a map of available plots and obtain the rental application. Contact Bryan Hagin, Assistant Park Operations Manager for more information at 240-544-5602 or submit your application to [bhagin@cityofbowie.org](mailto:bhagin@cityofbowie.org) Happy planting!

## Share Your Thoughts on Old Town Bowie

Residents of Bowie are encouraged to participate in a survey to gather thoughts and ideas about Old Town Bowie. The survey is anonymous and aims to determine ways to support the economic strength and development of Old Town Bowie. The collected responses will help identify the next steps and will be discussed at a meeting on June 29 at Bowie City Hall – more information on this meeting will be sent out in early June. Please complete the survey so that you have a voice in deciding next steps: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OldTownBowieMD>.

## Do you Play Tennis? Or is Pickleball More Your Speed?

The City of Bowie has received a number of requests from residents to provide a dedicated pickleball facility (not a pickleball court overlaid on a tennis court) within the City. Rather than incur the costs of converting the Glen Allen Tennis Court (Glen Allen Park is the only City owned tennis court) or constructing a new facility, City staff has been working with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to have one or all of the existing M-NCPPC owned tennis courts at the Huntington South Park (13311 11th St.) converted to dedicated pickleball courts. If you would like to share your opinion on this conversion, [please complete this survey](#) by **May 30** to give your input on the possible addition of dedicated pickleball courts at Huntington South Park.

## 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 May 26

- [Temporary Laborer: Storm Water \(Seasonal\)](#) - Stormwater Seasonal

### Open until June 2

- [Utilities Services Worker](#) – Utilities Division: Public Works

### Open until June 9

- [Equipment Operator](#) - Street Maintenance Division
- [Emergency Management Specialist](#) - City Manager's Office
- [Gymnasium Manager](#) - Community Services

### Open until filled

- [Entry Level Police Officer](#) - Police Department
- [Communications Specialist II](#) - Police Department
- [Family Counselor](#) - Community Services
- [Part time Ice Arena Attendant](#) - Community Services
- [Part time Bus Driver](#) - Community Services
- [Building Maintenance Superintendent](#) - Community Services
- [Solid Waste Driver/Collector](#) - Public Works



- [Solid Waste Collector](#) - Public Works
- [Chief Wastewater Operator](#) - Public Works

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

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### May 26

- [Field of Honor Opening Ceremony](#) | 7 p.m.
- [Wine and Design at Belair Mansion: Diamond Art Coasters](#) | 7 p.m.
- [Bowie Playhouse: "Something Rotten"](#) | 8 p.m.

### May 27

- [Memorial Day Parade](#) | 11 a.m.
- [Bowie Playhouse: "Something Rotten"](#) | 8 p.m.

### May 28

- [Farmers' Market](#) | 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- [Bowie Playhouse: "Something Rotten"](#) | 2 p.m.
- [Sunday Sunset Concert – U.S. Navy Band Commodores \(Jazz\) at Allen Pond Park](#) | 7 p.m.

### May 29

- [Memorial Day Holiday – City Offices Closed](#)
- Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Park | 11 a.m.

### May 31

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

### June 2

- [Senior Information Fair](#) | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- [Bowie Playhouse: "Something Rotten"](#) | 2 p.m.

### June 3

- [Bowiefest](#) | 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- [Bowie Playhouse: "Something Rotten"](#) | 8 p.m.

### June 4

- [Farmers' Market](#) | 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- [Bowie Playhouse: "Something Rotten"](#) | 2 p.m.
- [Sunday Sunset Concert - Bay Winds Band \(Concert Music\) at Allen Pond Park](#) | 7 p.m.

### June 6

- [Volunteers Needed to Help with Transplanting Pollinator Plants](#) | 4 p.m.

### June 8

- [Monarch Waystation Cleanup at the Senior Center](#) | 9 a.m.

### June 9

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

**June 10**

- [Paper Shredding & Styrofoam Recycling Event](#) | 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- [A Green Summer Kickoff](#) | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- [Bowie Playhouse: "Something Rotten"](#) | 8 p.m.

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