

Bowie Spotlight

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Bowie's Present Celebrates the Past

On Sunday, May 19, 2013 the City of Bowie Museums – and Bowie's residents – will celebrate our annual Heritage Day. Time does fly – it's difficult to believe that this is the 44th such commemoration!

The tradition began with a celebration at the Belair Stable – the featured speaker was then-Governor Marvin Mandel. The stable had been lovingly cleaned by dedicated volunteers – its historic legacy had been hidden under years of grit and grime. Belair Mansion was still City Hall. The Railroad Museum structures sat on the other side of the tracks, and still accommodated travelers between points north and south.

Today, these buildings are secure and well cared for by the City. They, along with the memories of longtime residents in Huntington, Belair and South Bowie, stand witness to the story not only of a city, but of a community ... a hometown. As that hometown grows, its history grows as well. Our new City Hall is a good example of growing history. An accommodating building intended to last many years into the future, it marks the historic passage of a small railroad village into the bustling modern City of Bowie. It will, before long, have its own historic tales to tell!

Heritage Day highlights the City's history. Belair Stable will host Durham Station Bluegrass Band, pony rides, Baysox mascot "Louie," fun activities for kids and even a Clydesdale horse! Belair Mansion will be open with a special exhibit on "City Hall", colonial games for kids, and tours. The Railroad Museum, in addition to other activities, will host the NTrack Modellers from Baltimore who will set up a train layout in the caboose.

Hours are 12 - 4 p.m. at all sites. Check Page 14 of this newsletter for location addresses and details. All events are free. Have some history fun!

For more information, visit www.cityofbowie.org/museum or contact the Museums Office at 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

New 4th of July

Fireworks Location

The City and the Bowie Baysox have partnered to bring a spectacular 4th of July program to Bowie. Please join us at Prince George's Stadium, home of the Bowie Baysox, on **July 4th** for an evening celebration of America's birthday.

The program begins at **7 p.m.** when the Hubcaps band takes the stage to begin the celebration, and ends with a fabulous fireworks show at **9:15 p.m.** The event is free and open to the public. The Stadium's main gate will open at 6 p.m. for seating.

For more information, visit www.cityofbowie.org.

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Wanted: Chief Judges and Judges for City of Bowie Election - November 5, 2013

Chief Judges, Judges and Alternate Judges are needed for the City of Bowie Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. Interested Bowie residents are asked to send a letter of application to the City Clerk.

Judges must be registered to vote in City elections. Preference will be given to persons having experience. All judges who are selected to serve must attend a training session (date to be determined). Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and judges will be on duty from approximately 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. One Chief Judge will supervise the Judges at each polling place. The Chief Judges will receive \$150 and Judges will receive \$120 for their duties on Election Day. In addition, all Judges will receive \$10 for the training session and for any additional meetings they are required to attend.

Applications should be addressed to the Board of Elections, c/o City Clerk, City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716 or via email at ahernandez@cityofbowie.org. For additional information, please call the City Clerk at 301-809-3029.

Nominations Sought for Bowie Public Safety Awards

The Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce and the Bowie Public Safety Committee have partnered to sponsor the Second Annual Bowie Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon, to be held on **Friday, August 23, 2013** at the Comfort Inn & Conference Center in Bowie. A Bowie Public Safety Appreciation Committee drawn from the two organizations has planned the event aimed at honoring those who work to make Bowie a safe place to live and work, whether they serve in career or volunteer capacities.

Public Safety Appreciation Awards will be presented in the categories of Leadership, Distinguished Service, Meritorious Service, Business Partnership, and Community Service.

Additionally, the Scot S. Lewis Award of Valor will be presented to one or more public safety professionals displaying the spirit of commitment and selflessness portrayed by the former Bowie volunteer firefighter and Washington, D.C. police officer after whom the award is named. Lewis, who was a Bowie resident, was shot and killed in the line of duty in 1995.

The nomination deadline is **July 1, 2013** and the nomination form is available on the Chamber and City websites (www.bowiechamber.org or www.cityofbowie.org) For more information, please feel free to contact the Chamber at 301-262-0920 or kelly@bowiechamber.org.

The Community Forester's All-Star Trees for 2013

With the spring planting season upon us, I thought I might encourage everyone to consider planting a tree or several trees. In a previous article, I conveyed many of the known benefits and ways that trees bless us environmentally, economically, socially and medically. Here, I would briefly like to suggest recommended trees for our area. Understanding that there are no "perfect" trees just as there are no "perfect" people, here are some suggestions:

Shade Trees:

- American Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*)
- Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*)
- Shumard Oak (*Quercus shumardii*)
- Green Vase Japanese Zelkova (*Zelkova serrulata* "Green Vase")
- Village Green Japanese Zelkova (*Zelkova serrulata* "Village Green")
- Wildfire Black Gum (*Nyssa sylvatica* "Wildfire")
- Princeton American Elm (*Ulmus americana* "Princeton")
- Valley Forge American Elm (*Ulmus americana* "Valley Forge")

Flowering Trees:

- Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*) – choose only an improved, disease resistant cultivar
- Forest Pansy Redbud (*Cercis canadensis* "Forest Pansy")
- Appalachian Red Redbud (*Cercis canadensis* "Appalachian Red")
- Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*) – many colors and sizes
- Autumn Brilliance Amelanchier (*Amelanchier* x. "Autumn Brilliance")

Evergreen Trees:

- American Holly (*Ilex opaca*)
- Nellie Stevens Holly (*Ilex* x. "Nellie Stevens")
- Green Giant Arborvitae (*Thuja* x. "Green Giant")

There is not enough space in this brief article to point out the many details of interest regarding these trees. Most of the shade trees would be considered medium to large trees, and most of the flowering trees would be considered small to medium trees. The evergreens vary in mature size and growth rate. The internet is a great, easy-to-use resource to discover the specific characteristics of each species, and of course, there are hundreds of great books as well. As you consider the options, keep in mind the following about each tree: mature size, site selection, texture, color, native vs. non-native, and maintenance. Every planting season, I try to add one or more trees to my personal landscape. And every season here in the City, our staff plants 75-100 trees in the public rights-of-ways, and City parks and facilities. I hope you will join in the movement toward a greener community as well. Enjoy! *Rick Kellner, Community Forester*

Another Quick Note from the Community Forester

I recently became aware of the fact that the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area will experience another "brood" of 17-year cicadas in May and June of this year. Back in 2004, we experienced a huge event that summer in the emergence of "Brood X" cicadas. This upcoming "Brood II" will not be as overwhelming as the 2004 extravaganza but they will still definitely make their presence known starting around mid-May, with millions of cicadas in the tree tops by Memorial Day. As you might remember, the din will be extraordinary. This insect will do some damage to twigs and smaller branches on many area trees as they cut and/or gouge into the branches to lay their eggs for the next generation. For more information on this insect and its lifecycle, check out this fascinating website video by David Attenborough and the BBC - www.youtube.com/watch?v=tjLiWy2nT7U. Also, here's the Wikipedia take on the cicadas - www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cicada. So get ready for the invasion and the noise. Ear plugs are optional! *Rick Kellner, Community Forester*

Teachers of the Month

Congratulations to the following "Teacher of the Month" winners:

December 2012: **Lora Villafranca**, Tenth Grade Teacher, C. Elizabeth Rieg Regional School
 January 2013: **Rena Shylanski**, Second Grade Teacher, Rockledge Elementary School
 February 2013: **Todd Pozen**, Fifth Grade Teacher, Whitehall Elementary School

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, contact Annette Esterheld at aesterheld@cityofbowie.org or 301-575-5601.

Backyard Habitat Tour



Come along and find out how your neighbors have been rolling out the welcome mat for birds, butterflies and other wildlife. They provide food, water, cover, and places to raise young while using Bay-friendly, sustainable gardening practices. Visit four National Wildlife Federation (NWF)-certified habitats on **May 18** to see how these homeowners are gardening for wildlife, and how you too can help Bowie become a NWF-certified Community Wildlife Habitat. Visit www.cityofbowie.org and search "Backyard Habitat Tour" to find the map and hours for each house. The map provides a general guide; use your favorite navigation tool to locate the habitats. Habitats will be open rain or shine, unless there is torrential rain and/or thunder and lightning.

Greenhouse Gas Analysis Complete

What sector is responsible for nearly two-thirds of the greenhouse gas emissions in Bowie – residential, commercial, or something else? You'll find this answer and much more in the Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Analysis available on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org (search "GHG"). Stay tuned to the Green Bowie webpage and the *Bowie Spotlight* in the next few months for upcoming community meetings to provide input on how we can all reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Challenge Yourself With Our "Recycling Quiz"

What percentage of food is wasted in the United States?

Answer: See www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie

Storm Drain Art Contest

Have you ever wanted to leave your artistic mark on the streets of Bowie? Well, this is your chance! The City is holding a contest to find designs to paint on a few storm drains to raise awareness of the impacts of stormwater runoff. The contest is for ages 8 and up. Details and the entry form are at www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie or can be requested from Tiffany Wright at twright@cityofbowie.org. Prizes include four tickets to a Bowie Baysox game.

Beautification Awards Program

The City, in cooperation with Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton, announces the 18th Anniversary of the Beautification Awards Program. Nominations are sought in the following categories:

- Distinguished residential whole yard landscaping/gardening (house/townhouse)
- Distinguished front, back, or side yard landscaping/gardening
- Distinguished specialty garden (i.e. Patio garden, Japanese, Butterfly, etc.)
- Distinguished wildlife habitat
- Distinguished business landscaping/gardening
- Distinguished school (public or private) landscaping/gardening

The judging teams reserve the right to view and score the project according to their schedule. Nominations may be submitted at any time but no later than **June 21, 2013**. The Awards Program is scheduled for early fall. Entries will be judged by nationally accredited members of the Landscape Design Critics Council of the National Capital Area Federation of Garden Clubs. Professionally designed and installed projects will be judged separately from owner-designed projects. Photographs will be taken of the yard and/or garden at the time of judging. Yards will be judged in early July on the basis of concept, beauty and overall design.

Nominated properties must be located within the limits of the City of Bowie. For nomination forms, go to www.cityofbowie.org and search "Beautification Awards" or contact Matt Corley at mcorley@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3078.

Community Outreach Grants

Information about the Community Outreach Grants program is on the City's website - www.cityofbowie.org. Following the adoption of the City Budget in May, a new application and more details will be available. Individuals, nonprofits and others may apply to receive funding for projects that address health, disability or other social concerns, particularly for youth and seniors. Last year's grants were used for several projects, including helping to equip a new classroom where disadvantaged preschoolers or those with learning disabilities could receive reading tutoring, providing backpacks and school supplies for students, and offering free Saturday morning fitness classes for Bowie children.

What's Bouncing at the Bowie Gym?

Walking Program – Beginning June 10, walkers may access the facility 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Recreational Drop-In Volleyball – Fridays, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. No skills needed – just come have fun. Women and men are invited to participate.

Annual Back to School Bash will be held on Saturday, **August 17th**. We are seeking vendors. If you have an activity or program that will be of interest to youth or parents of school-aged children, please contact us for table space. Table space is free. We are also seeking donations of school supplies to fill backpacks that are given away to the first 300 elementary-age children in attendance. Please drop off donations at the Gymnasium.

"School is Out" Basketball Camp – June 10 - 14 for boys and girls ages 6 - 14. Camp Directors: Tony Dobbins (former University of Richmond Spider) and Allyson (Hardy) Dobbins (former Bowie State University Bulldog). For more information, please contact jshot@aol.com.

Nike Summer Basketball Camp for Girls (www.soniachasebasketball.com) – **June 17 - 21**. For more information, please visit the website.

Five Star Basketball Camp (www.5starbasketball.com) – **June 8 - 12** (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.). Camp Director, Harvey Powell of Takoma Academy. For more information, please visit the website.

Nike Summer Basketball Camp for Boys (USSportsCamps.com/basketball) – **July 22 - 26**. For more information, please visit the website.

Art Notes

Art Gallery News Waterworks Exhibit Water, water everywhere! Water in its entire splendor and all its forms is the theme of the “Waterworks” exhibit that will be on display through July 12, 2013. The Arts Committee asked artists to bring artwork that illustrated the power and beauty of water in all its forms, such as natural water-scapes and phenomena, weather, and other creative uses and features. Gallery space is on the main and second levels of City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road, and includes works in display cases as well. Gallery hours are City Hall hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Upcoming Exhibits In July, the gallery will feature the work of the many artists from Passageways Studio. In August, the Arts Committee will jury its next show, “Figuratively Speaking”. In late May, information, for artists interested in this exhibit, will be on the City’s website, www.cityofbowie.org/Community/Arts/Galleries.

Mural for the Boathouse at Allen Pond Visitors to Allen Pond Park will have the opportunity to view the City’s latest piece of public art – a very large mural that will be hung on the Boathouse wall nearest the playground. The mural, almost fifteen feet wide and six feet deep, depicts the many activities at Allen Pond, including the playground, the pond with a paddleboat, hockey, skateboarding, and more. The artist is George Tuggle from Bowie.

Arts Committee at Bowiefest The Arts Committee will have a booth at Bowiefest, right by the Boathouse. There will be a table with information about the activities of the Arts Committee and an opportunity to meet mural artist George Tuggle, and ask him questions about the process of designing and creating the large mural.

For information on any arts activities, contact the Arts Committee Staff Liaison, Arts Specialist Annette Esterheld, at aesterheld@cityofbowie.org or 301-575-5601.

Community Band Festival at Allen Pond Park

The Bowie Arts Committee, in conjunction with Category 5 Wind Ensemble, is sponsoring a Community Band Festival on Saturday, **June 8, 2013**, at the Amphitheater at Allen Pond Park.

The festival will begin at noon and run all afternoon. It will feature several regional and community bands including Category 5 Wind Ensemble. The bands are made up of school music teachers, freelance musicians, private music instructors, collegiate music majors, active and retired military musicians, and dedicated instrumental enthusiasts. Food vendors will be on site.

Category 5 Wind Ensemble is a 2012-13 recipient of an Arts Grant from the City to hold this festival. This Ensemble was established in February 2011 to fill a musical need in the community to provide talented musicians the opportunity to create amazing music together and to provide the community free professional-level concerts of quality wind ensemble music. There are approximately 50 members in the wind ensemble which meets semi-regularly to prepare for its five yearly concerts.

More information on the festival and a list of participants will be on the City’s website at www.cityofbowie.org/community/arts.

Springtime Tips

It's spring and the grass, trees and flowers are growing and blooming. We love this time of year but realize it requires maintenance. We mow grass, trim trees and clean the yard.

Please remember that grass clippings **cannot** be blown into the street or storm drains. Yard waste is collected every Wednesday and should be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. that day, **but no earlier** than 5 p.m. the Tuesday before.

Similarly, refuse and recycling should be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on the scheduled day of collection, **but no earlier** than 5 p.m. the day prior.

Once yard waste, refuse and recycling have been collected, please remember to promptly remove the receptacles from the curb and return them to storage to the rear or side of your property. For more information, view the City Code on the City's website at www.cityof-bowie.org.

Bowie Food Pantry

This summer, the Bowie Food Pantry will again have a booth at the Farmer's Market. When shopping at the Market, please consider purchasing something extra to donate to the Food Pantry.

The Community Outreach Committee will be at the Sunday Sunset Concerts at Allen Pond Park accepting donations of nonperishable food, toiletries and baby items such as wipes and diapers for the Food Pantry. Come join us for the first concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 26.

Excellence in Education Dinner

Each year the City holds a special dinner and awards ceremony to honor teachers from schools in the City who have been deemed by their Principal and peers to be outstanding. We congratulate and extend our thanks to the following award winners:

Jennifer Findlater
Sally Burns
Renee Thompson
Lora Villafranca
John Horstkamp, Jr.

John Bardakjy
Tricia Smith
Maria Tiernan
Katie Keller
Tiffani Rogers
Michelle Masaryk
Rena Shylanski
Karen M. Pumphrey
Erica Dubose
Maryann A. Jenkins
Cynthia Farmer
Jennifer Osborn

Benjamin Tasker Middle School
Bowie High School
Bowie High School
C. Elizabeth Rieg Regional School
Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center
Grace Christian School
Heather Hills Elementary School
High Bridge Elementary School
Kenilworth Elementary School
Northview Elementary School
Pointer Ridge Elementary School
Rockledge Elementary School
Samuel Ogle Middle School
Tall Oaks Technical Academy
Tulip Grove Elementary School
Whitehall Elementary School
Yorktown Elementary School

Bowie Reads Needs Books

The City's Education Committee is in need of hundreds of children's books, either new or gently used, to give to children. The books will be handed out to young people at the City's Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 25, as a way of inviting the youth to visit the Committee's BowieReads! booth at Bowiefest, which will be held on June 1, 2013 at Allen Pond Park. Books will also be given out at the BowieReads! booth at Bowiefest – as long as they last! Hundreds and hundreds of books are needed.

Donations can be dropped off at Tulip Grove Elementary School, 2909 Trainor Lane, Bowie, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Books will be stored at E-Z Storage Bowie until the two events. The Education Committee is also looking for volunteers willing to collect books for these two events. If you would like to know more about how to help, contact Annette Esterheld, Staff Liaison to the Education Committee, at 301-575-5601 or aesterheld@cityofbowie.org.

Celebrate Bowiefest!

Celebrate Bowie at *Bowiefest* on **Saturday, June 1, 2013** from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Bowiefest is a long-standing tradition in the City gathering the best of Bowie's civic organizations, entertainers and businesses in one place for one day. Around the Pond, you can sample a variety of foods from area vendors including pulled pork, pit beef, frozen fruit drinks, and fresh-squeezed lemonade.

Entertainment will be provided on two stages featuring Reptile World with Michael Shwedick, Dance Expressions, Zumba, X Squad Dancers, and the Electric Company Band which is sure to get you dancing on the Amphitheater lawn. Bowie's own Blue Bridge will have you singing classic Motown and soul while the Good Times Band brings you their style of classic rock. Listen to funk and R&B with the Good Chemistry Band on the Anne Arundel Medical Center Pavilion Stage.

Stop by the craft tables and purchase handcrafted wares, organized by the Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton. For more information, contact Soroptimist representative Pam Fleming at 301-464-0610. Stop inside the Ice Arena for the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce Business Expo. For Expo information, contact Kelly Pierce at the Chamber at 301-262-0920 or kelly@bowiechamber.org.

Back outside, area nonprofits will provide information about their organization's services. Once again the Collington Masonic Lodge will conduct the Child Identity Program. Rides, games and children's activities will complete your day at Bowiefest.

For the second year in a row, Texas Roadhouse will hold a rib-eating contest. A \$100 Gift Certificate will be awarded to the winner. Contestants' names will be drawn at Bowiefest. So come and enjoy the day and then enjoy some ribs. To sign up, stop by the Texas Roadhouse at 6011 High Bridge Road.

For more information, go to www.cityofbowie.org and search Bowiefest, or contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at mcorley@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3078.



2013 Saturday Concert Series

Town Green Park, 9th Street (MD Route 564)

Old Town Bowie, 2 - 4 p.m.

These free concerts will be presented "in the heart of the antique district" in Old Town Bowie. Concerts are canceled in case of inclement weather.

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| June 8 | Norman Wright & Roger Green
<i>Bluegrass</i> |
| June 15 | ilyAIMY
<i>Acoustic Folk</i> |
| June 22 | Saturday
<i>R&B/Top 40</i> |
| June 29 | d.c. Motors
<i>Classic Rock</i> |
| July 6 | Project Natale
<i>Jazz</i> |
| July 13 | The Flaw
<i>Rock</i> |
| July 20 | Chalk Dust
<i>Acoustic Rock</i> |
| July 27 | Three Shot Mocha
<i>Jazz</i> |

For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.



2013 Sunday Sunset Concert Series

Robert V. Setera Amphitheater

Allen Pond Park, 7 - 8 p.m.

These free concerts offer relaxing entertainment for the entire family. They are canceled in case of inclement weather.

May 26	US Navy Band Cruisers <i>Contemporary</i>
June 2	Bottle of Blues <i>Jazz</i>
June 9	40 Dollar Fine <i>Rock/Americana</i>
June 16	The Baywinds Band/Bowie Elks Flag Day Program *Start time 6 p.m. <i>Concert Performance</i>
June 23	US Air Force Max Impact <i>Rock</i>
June 30	The British Invasion Experience <i>60's Music</i>
July 7	David Bach <i>Contemporary Jazz</i>
July 14	Sean Lane and Bay Jazz Project <i>Jazz</i>
July 21	Takoma Park Community Band <i>Concert Performance</i>
July 28	The Winston's <i>Motown</i>
Aug. 4	Ambience <i>R&B</i>
Aug. 11	US Army Blues <i>Jazz</i>
Aug. 18	Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition <i>Bluegrass</i>
Aug. 25	N2N <i>R&B/Soul</i>
Sept. 1	US Naval Academy Wind Ensemble Salute to America Concert <i>Patriotic</i>

For information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.



Memorial Day Weekend Parade

The City's 2013 Parade will honor all who have served, as well as those currently serving, in our Armed Forces in the defense of our nation. We ask everyone, participants and spectators, to show support for those we salute today by bringing a patriotic sign or banner to the Parade.

This year's Parade will be held **Saturday, May 25, 2013** and will feature marching bands, veterans groups, active service members and many community organizations. The Memorial Day holiday is traditionally a time when America remembers those who died in service to their country; it is a day to reflect on what freedoms we have and those who paid the ultimate price for those freedoms.

The Parade will begin at **11 a.m.** at the Bowie High School Annex (3021 Belair Drive). Participants will march along Belair Drive to Sussex Lane, to Stonybrook Drive to Sage Lane. The reviewing stand, along with concession stands and restrooms, will be located in Acorn Hill Park on Stonybrook Drive. Belair Drive, Sussex Lane and Acorn Hill Park are wonderful locations to view the Parade. So bring your flags, family and friends, and wear red, white and blue, and show your hometown pride!

As you enjoy the Parade, please be respectful of the residential property adjacent to your viewing area. Stay in the common area between the curb and sidewalk and remember to take everything you brought with you when you leave.

Whether you prefer to be a participant in the Parade, or on the sidelines cheering others on, you can be a part of this patriotic event. There is still time to sign up your group or organization to participate in the Parade.

For information or an application, go to www.cityof-bowie.org or call 301-809-3078.

Bowie Youth & Family Services

Counseling is offered for families with school-age children living in the home. Groups are offered on a variety of topics, including groups for those who want guidance with parenting skills, social skills for young children, or parenting children with ADHD. Bowie Youth & Family Services (BYFS) staff is composed of master and doctoral level clinicians with extensive training in family counseling plus professionals in the field of community outreach and program development. Families are encouraged to call **301-809-3033** for more information or to make an appointment. An initial intake will be done either by phone or in person.

Groups listed below are still forming. Please call for further information; we're interested in hearing from you.

Grandparents – Are you parenting and raising your grandchildren?

Youth of Military Families – Are you looking for a place to gather and talk?

Women Caring for Others and Themselves – An experiential group for mom's who want to gather and share their experience and learn ways for coping.

Family Transitions – A group for kids, ages 6½ -11, and one for the parent. Kids explore stressful life events with games, crafts, discussion; parents learn about problem-solving techniques.

Teen Job Bank Residents are needed to hire Bowie teens (ages 13-17) looking for occasional jobs. Do you need some help with household or yard chores, babysitting, shopping, computer work or tutoring? Hire one of the teens from the Teen Job Bank. The particulars of the job and the fees paid are determined by you and the teen. Please fill out a Teen Job Bank resident application which is found on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org, or call BYFS at 301-809-3033.

Imagine an Hour that Impacts a Lifetime, Imagine Mentoring

During the past 12 years, more than 200 volunteers logged over 3500 hours helping the youth of Bowie High School. Just by being available to them as a friend, advisor and a listening heart, these mentors made a difference in the lives of incoming freshmen at Bowie High, assisting them in their transition into high school and onto a successful academic experience.

Bowie Youth & Family Services is recruiting adult volunteers that would like the opportunity to make a difference by providing care and commitment to a Bowie High School student who may be struggling to make a successful transition into the high school environment.

Volunteers give an hour per week, building relationships, making a positive difference in the lives of the students, their families, and the community. If you would like to join this dynamic team of volunteers, join the Teen Mentoring Program provided by the Bowie Prevention Network, under the direction of Bowie Youth & Family Services and in cooperation with Bowie High School. To apply, contact Bowie Youth & Family Services at 301-809-3033 or email Rhonda Simon, Volunteer Coordinator, at mentor@cityof-bowie.org, or call Andra Berry, Bowie Prevention Network Coordinator, at 301-809-3080.

A New Indoor Sports Facility in the City?

A consultant has been hired to determine the need for a new indoor sports facility in the City. Meetings have been held with various individuals and sports groups and a community survey has been available on the City's website for all community members to express their opinions and needs. A meeting will be held at the Kenhill Center on **Tuesday, May 7, 2013** at 7 p.m. to allow residents the opportunity to hear the consultant's preliminary conclusions and provide the opportunity for public comment. All are welcome to attend. For more information, visit the home page of the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org.

Code Corner

The City Code, Chapter 26, Zoning, was amended earlier this year. Here is an update of the amended Chapter.

Section 26-1 Definitions: Inoperative Vehicle

An “inoperative vehicle” is a motor vehicle that is partially dismantled or wrecked; is missing the engine, tire(s), steering wheel, transmission, windows, fender, bumper, or hood; is unable to be moved under its own power; has one or more flat tires; or is not displaying valid registration plates.

Section 26-3 Inoperative Vehicles and Trailers

Inoperative vehicles, and any camping vehicle or trailer not displaying valid registration plate(s), having missing parts or one or more flat tires are prohibited from being parked, stored or repaired on a residential lot unless within a private parking garage.

Section 26-8 Parking on Unpaved Areas

Motor vehicles, trailers, motor homes, camping vehicles, and watercraft (excluding canoes and kayaks which are propelled by paddle or oar), may not be parked or stored upon any deck, patio, porch, walkway, and sidewalk or on any basketball, tennis or sport court or upon any unpaved area of a residential lot except during a snow emergency.

Section 26-3A Commercial Vehicles

Commercial vehicles, as described below, are prohibited from being stored, parked or repaired on a residentially zoned lot or an improved lot with a residential structure (single family dwelling, apartment, condominium, townhouse), unless the vehicle is within a private parking garage or permitted elsewhere in Chapter 26. Prohibited commercial vehicles include but are not limited to vehicles that contain advertising or lettering that exceeds four (4) inches in height; the manufacturer’s gross vehicle weight exceeds 7,500 lbs; the load space exceeds 300 cubic feet; or tow trucks and stake platform trucks.

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

City Committee Vacancies

Volunteers are needed for the following City Committees: Advisory Planning Board, Board of Elections, Board of Personnel Appeals, Education Committee, Environmental Advisory Committee, Ethics Commission, Heritage Committee, and Information Technology Committee.

The vacancies include regular, alternate and student (Education and Environmental Advisory) members. Information on each committee and how to apply can be found on the City’s website at www.cityofbowie.org or by calling the City Clerk at 301-809-3029.

Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Bring your cat, dog and ferret to the Spring rabies vaccination clinic on **Saturday, May 4, 2013** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bowie High School.

Only cats, dogs and ferrets over three months old will be vaccinated. A responsible adult must bring the pet. You must bring proof of prior rabies vaccination. Secure all animals: dogs on a leash, cats and ferrets in a carrier box. The fee is \$10 per vaccination - exact amount required.

For more information, please contact the Prince George’s County Health Department at 301-583-3782. The Clinic is held rain or shine.

Five Ways to Grow Your Business at the Bowie BIC

The Bowie Business Innovation Center (Bowie BIC) located at Bowie State University can help you grow your business **five ways** by providing: one-on-one business mentoring; affordable furnished office space and meeting rooms; networking, referrals, business seminars and entrepreneurial education programs; access to Bowie State University student interns; and a dynamic, entrepreneurial work environment.

The Bowie BIC program receives ongoing support from the City of Bowie, Bowie State University, Prince George's County and Maryland Technology Development Corporation (Maryland TEDCO). It is also financially supported by members of the Bowie area corporate community and its client companies.

Bowie BIC hosts "Lunch and Learn" seminars 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 is served at each presentation, courtesy of the speaker. Each session is **free** to attend but registration is required. Seminars are held at the Center for Business at Bowie State University, Room 3100. Contact crystal.simpkins@bowiebic.com to register for these events. Mark your calendar for "Lunch and Learn" business seminars scheduled for May and June:

May 15, 2013, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., **Small Business HR and Payroll Service Resources**, presented by Doug Brown, President, Maryland Employer Services and Support, LLC

June 26, 2013, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., **Wealth Creation for Women Business Owners**, presented by Lamar Barnes, Vice President, Commercial Lending, BB&T Bank

To schedule your tour and learn how the Bowie BIC business incubation program can help you grow your company, please contact Crystal Simpkins, Bowie BIC Operations Manager at 301-383-1550x105 or crystal.simpkins@bowiebic.com.

Bowie Playhouse Presents



YOU NEVER KNOW -- 5/3 - 5/18

A romantic musical comedy set in Paris in 1929. Filled with delightful, witty Cole Porter songs, the story takes place one summer evening in Baron Rommer's elegant penthouse suite at the Hotel Ritz. The baron and his butler switch identities so that the butler can pursue a woman he believes is a lady of a much higher class. She is actually a maid in the service of Mme. Baltin, a high society figure who has captured the baron's heart. Her jealous husband and an actress at the Follies Bergère fill out the cast of this door-slamming farce with wonderful songs and dancing. Produced by Prince George's Little Theatre. For tickets and information, 301-937-7458 or www.pglt.org.

CAMELOT -- 5/31 - 6/29

The entire community of CAMELOT awaits the arrival of Guinevere, King Arthur of England's future Queen. Members of the audience are quickly drawn in by the enchanting musical numbers, including The Simple Joys of Maidenhood, The Lusty Month of May, How to Handle a Woman, I Loved You Once in Silence, If Ever I Would Leave You and What Do the Simple Folk Do? In the end it is fourteen-year-old Tom who tells the world of Camelot's quest for right and honor and justice. Produced by 2nd Star Productions. For tickets and information, 301-832-4819 or www.2ndstarproductions.com.



All performances are at the Bowie Playhouse, located in Whitemarsh Park, 16500 Whitemarsh Park Drive. For ticket sales and information about the productions, contact the theater companies directly.

Consolidated Plan

The City of Bowie has prepared its Draft Five Year Consolidated Plan FY 2014-2018, and Draft Annual Action Plan FY 2014. The Plan provides details on how the City will allocate anticipated federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Several Public Hearings and Community Outreach meetings have been conducted over the past four months. The Draft Consolidated Plan is currently on the City's website for review and comment.

The final Public Hearing on the Consolidated Plan is May 6, 2013 at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The final document must be delivered to HUD by May 15, 2013. Comments may be directed to jbuggs@cityofbowie.org through May 6, 2013.

June Jam Skate Competition

The City will host the June Jam Skate Competition at the Bowie Skate Park on Sunday, **June 16** from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. The competition will offer three skill level divisions that will compete for the top spots in a "jam format" competition. Registration will be on-site at the Bowie Skate Park at Allen Pond Park on June 16 and will be staggered throughout the day by skill level (Beginner 8 - 9 a.m.; Intermediate 10 - 11 a.m.; Advanced 12 - 1 p.m.). Please be certain to register in the proper skill level. There will be a judge at the registration table that can help you determine your appropriate division. Judges have the authority to decide whether or not a rider is competing in the correct division and can move that rider into the proper division if they feel that a rider is entered at the wrong skill level.

Registration will be limited to the first 30 skaters for the Beginner and Intermediate Divisions and the entry fee is \$10. Registrants for the Advanced Division will be regulated by the total number of entries in previous skill levels coupled with time remaining in the event and the entry fee is \$20. **Registration fees will only be accepted in cash** (no checks or credit card). Competitors will be judged on several criteria including: Comfort on the board; Determination; Skill level of tricks performed; Number of tricks landed; and Number of tricks attempted. Skaters are required to wear a helmet while skating and skating is at your own risk.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three skaters in the Beginner and Intermediate Divisions and cash prizes will be awarded to the top three skaters in the Advanced Division. All remaining funds, as well as food donations, will be provided to the Bowie Food Pantry. General public skating at the park will be limited this day. If you plan to attend the event as a spectator, please bring canned or boxed food donations for the Food Pantry. Spectator seating is limited, so plan to bring a lawn chair! For additional information visit www.cityofbowie.org (search Skate Park).

Don't Open the Door to Strangers

Residents should be wary of a scam in which individuals impersonate utility workers, according to a recently filed police report in the Bowie area. Be suspicious of anyone who arrives at your home without an appointment asking to check an appliance, check for gas leaks, perform maintenance or suggests that there may be some electrical problem inside a residence. Typically, appointments are scheduled for these issues. If the individual claims to be a utility worker, electrician, etc., immediately ask for credential verification. Call the company and verify that the person is supposed to be at your residence. Identification should include the individual's name, picture, name of the company and company seal. If they refuse to provide identification, **do not let them inside your home and call 911**. If someone calls and asks you to leave your residence at a specific time for a utility-related cause, **call the police**. This could be a burglary set up by the caller. Please share this message with all in your household. Allowing a stranger to enter your home without proper identification may prove dangerous. For additional information, please contact Sergeant Henderson at 301-575-1824.

News of the City Museums



Mark Your Calendar

Mrs. Rumney's Sewing Circle - Saturday, May 11, 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Join Colonel Tasker's 18th century housekeeper, Mrs. Rumney, as she welcomes her "circle of ladies" for an afternoon of stitching and gossip! Free.

Special Mother's Day Treat - Sunday, May 12, 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Bring somebody important for a visit to Belair! All moms and special ladies will receive a 20% discount on sales in the Belair Museum Shop. Refresh with punch and cookies in the sun-room. Free.

Bowie Heritage Day - Sunday, May 19, 12 - 4 p.m. Explore Bowie's history at a day full of free events. Pony rides, bluegrass music, Louie the Baysox Mascot, kids games and activities, and a Clydesdale will be featured at the Stable. The Mansion hosts a special exhibit on Bowie City Hall, and a glimpse of the lives of its former residents. The NTrack Modellers will set up their train layouts, and the "Lego Lady" will visit the Railroad Museum. Free.

Kids Kaboose - Tuesday, May 21, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun and games for youngsters ages 1-11. Free.

"Belair Studs" on the Diamond - Saturday, May 25, 6 p.m. at Prince George's Stadium. Join the Baysox as they change – for one night only – into the "Belair Studs!" Sporting jerseys (silks) in Belair's colors of white with red polka dots, the team will take on the Trenton Thunder. Jersey auction during the evening with proceeds being donated to the Friends of Belair Estate. Come out and support two home teams – our ball club and the Friends of Belair. (And it's a fireworks night, too!)

Tuesday Time Travellers - Get in the Game - Tuesday, June 8, 10:30 a.m. at Belair Mansion. Youngsters ages 4-11 are invited for some history fun – games and pastimes from the 18th and 19th centuries. Free.

Kids Kaboose - Thursday, June 20, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun and games for youngsters ages 1-11. Free.

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.*

**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.

Open Mic Day

**Wednesday, May 15
12:30 p.m.**

Members with a yen to perform will entertain us with a reading, a poem, a song, or any other talent they are willing to share! Those who want to perform should sign up at the front desk no later than Friday, May 3. We hope to see you there!

"The Reasons We Sing"

Bowie Senior Choral

**Thursday, May 16, 1 p.m.
at the Senior Center
Wednesday, May 22,
7:30 p.m. at the Bowie
Center for
Performing Arts**

Tickets are required for both concerts and are available at the Senior Center. Admission to the Senior Center concert is a donation of food or a donation of \$2 to the Bowie Food Pantry. Admission to the concert at the Bowie Center for Performing Arts is \$6.



Book Lovers Expo

Wednesday, May 22, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Join us to hear local authors offer readings from their books! You will have an opportunity to mingle with writers and discuss their published works. You will also be able to buy a book from one of your "soon to be favorite" authors plus have them autograph your purchase on the spot!

Showstoppers Variety Show

Monday, June 3, 10:30 a.m.

Back by popular demand and ready to dazzle us with their tappers, line dancers, belly dancers, rappers, comedy, individual singers and group singers, the Harmony Grits! Join us and welcome the South County Senior Center Showstoppers.

Pizza and a Program Summer Intergenerational Fun

May 9 - Nature Close to Home

June 20 - World Drumming for Fun and Health

July 11 - Magic Show

August 8 - Lively Island Music and More

Embracing the longer days of sunshine, we invite seniors to bring their family and friends to this evening selection of intergenerational activities. We will share pizza, salad and a fun interactive program together one **Thursday** a month from **5:30 - 7 p.m.** Registration and \$6 is due one week prior to each program. Contact the Senior Center for more details. All ages are welcome!

Bowie Senior Center, 14900 Health Center Drive

301-809-2300, www.bowieseniorcenter.org

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

Farmers' Market Opening Day

*Sunday, May 19, 2013
8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Bowie
Center for the Performing
Arts parking lot*

Annual Bowie Heritage Day

*Sunday, May 19, 2013
12 - 4 p.m., Welcome Center,
Railroad, Belair Mansion
and Stable Museums*

Memorial Day Weekend Parade

*Saturday, May 25, 2013
Beginning at 11 a.m.*

Bowiefest

*Saturday, June 1, 2013
11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Allen Pond
Park*

2013 Bike to Work Day

Friday, May 17, 2013

Two Bowie Pit Stops (6:30 - 8:30 a.m.):

Bowie Town Center Food Court &

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, green and healthy way to get to work. Go to www.biketoworkmetrodc.org to register, view pit stop locations, sign up for a commuter convoy, find a ride buddy or learn about bike education opportunities. Register by **May 10th** for a free T-shirt and to be eligible for a bike raffle. (T-shirts are available to the first 12,000 registrants region-wide.) For more information, contact Frank Stevens in the City's Planning Department at 301-809-3053 or fstevens@cityofbowie.org.

