

# Bowie News Flash

**June 2013**

## News

### **Don't Miss Bowiefest This Saturday, June 1 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Allen Pond Park**

Bowiefest is a long-standing tradition 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 and you will find excellent entertainment on two stages. Throughout the park, local nonprofits will provide information about their services and activities. There will also be a craft area organized by the Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton and in the Ice Arena the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Business Expo.

There will also be lots of fun, with rides, games and children's activities and a rib-eating contest sponsored by Texas Roadhouse. To sign up, stop by the Texas Roadhouse Restaurant at 6011 High Bridge Road. At the Information booth, interested residents can pick up an application form for a City of Bowie license plate.

For more information about Bowiefest, contact Special Events Coordinator Matt Corley at [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3078. While you're at the park, be sure to check out the new mural on the side of the Allen Pond Boathouse painted by Bowie artist George Tuggle!

### **Ribbon Cutting for New Synthetic Turf Field at Whitemarsh Park**

The City will celebrate the opening of its second synthetic turf field on Monday, June 10 at 6 p.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The field is located in Whitemarsh Park (100 Whitemarsh Drive) and is lined for football and lacrosse. Following the ceremony, men's and women's lacrosse players and football players will be invited onto the field for open play. All are invited to attend. For more information, contact Nick Spurgeon at 301-809-3086 or email [nspurgeon@cityofbowie.org](mailto:nspurgeon@cityofbowie.org).

### **Make Your Mark on Bowie by Entering our Storm Drain Art Contest**

A contest is underway to identify designs to paint on a few storm drains around the City to raise awareness about the impacts of stormwater runoff. The contest is for ages 8 and up and provides cash prizes. The deadline is Friday, June 21, 2013. The contest package is available at [www.cityofbowie.org/drainart](http://www.cityofbowie.org/drainart). For more information, contact the City's Watershed Manager Tiffany Wright at [twright@cityofbowie.org](mailto:twright@cityofbowie.org) or call 301-809-3043.

### **Bowie Homeowners Associations Stormwater Finance and Management Discussion**

New State requirements for stormwater management are expected to increase the costs of managing stormwater for local communities. Representatives of Bowie homeowners associations and other interested residents are invited to a meeting with the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 7 p.m. at Kenhill Center. The potential impact on Bowie homeowners and the different options for financing these costs will be discussed. For more information, please contact Lisa Lincoln at the Environmental Finance Center at [Lisa.l.lincoln@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.l.lincoln@gmail.com).

### **Community Band Festival on June 8**

Enjoy a variety of musical sounds at Allen Pond Park on Saturday, June 8 at a Community Band Festival sponsored by the Bowie Arts Committee, in conjunction with *Category 5 Wind Ensemble*. 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 will be available for purchase. Be sure to bring a lawn chair or a blanket. For more information, please contact Annette Esterheld at [aesterheld@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityofbowie.org) or 301-575-5601.

### **Public Safety Award Nominations Now Being Accepted**

Do you know a public safety official (career or volunteer) who was extraordinary, either in their sustained performance or while performing a meritorious act during a single event in the past year? Or is there a private citizen who has conducted an extraordinary act of performance in the interest of public safety in Bowie? If so, consider nominating them for a Bowie Public Safety Award. The performance of duties must be in Bowie and there are other requirements for nominations. Please visit [www.bowiechamber.org](http://www.bowiechamber.org) for details and an application form. The honorees will be recognized at the Second Annual Public Safety Appreciation Awards program on Friday, August 23, 2013. This event is hosted jointly by the City of Bowie and the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce.

### **City Beautification Awards**

The City and Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton are teaming up to sponsor the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Beautification Awards. Nominations must be for locations within the corporate limits of Bowie. Anyone can nominate a home or townhouse, business, school, or specialty garden that reflects the beauty of Bowie. For more information or to obtain a nomination form, visit the City's website at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org), or contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org). Nominations are due by **June 21, 2013**.

### **Visit the Bowie Farmers' Market**

The Bowie Farmers' Market is open for the 2013 season. Market vendors offer fresh locally grown produce, fruit, cut flowers, plants, breads, pastries, jams, jellies and more. Be sure to pick up a Farmers' Market bag with a qualifying purchase. The market operates in the parking lot close to the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts at Bowie High School, 15200 Annapolis Road on Sundays, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., through October 27, 2013. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

### **Wanted: Chief Judges and Judges for City of Bowie Election**

Bowie's next election takes place on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. Chief Judges, Judges and Alternate Judges are needed. Interested Bowie residents are asked to send a letter of application to the City Clerk. Judges must be registered to vote in City elections. 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 to [ahernandez@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ahernandez@cityofbowie.org). For additional information, please call the City Clerk at 301-809-3029.

### **Change at Comcast Customer Service Office at the Kenhill Center**

Effective July 1, 2013, the Comcast Service Office, located in the Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive, Bowie, MD will close on Saturdays. The office will continue to be open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Those who wish to do business with Comcast on Saturday may visit their Lanham office at 9609 Annapolis Road or their Largo Office at 9315 Largo Drive West. Both the Lanham and Largo locations are open during the following hours: Monday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## **Events**

**6/1 – Bowiefest** 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. The celebration includes entertainment, food, rides, games and activities, nonprofit booths, and a Craft Fair and Business Expo. For more information contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

**6/2 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *Bottle of Blues*** 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. These concerts offer relaxing entertainment for the entire family. All concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

**6/3 – Showstoppers Variety Show at the Senior Center** 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. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**6/3 – City Council Meeting** 8 p.m. at City Hall.

**6/8 – Red Cross Community Blood Drive at the Senior Center** 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Center at 301-809-2300 or call 1-800-REDCROS (1-800-733-2767) for an appointment.

**6/8 – Saturday Concert Series – *Norman Wright & Roger Green*** 2 - 4 p.m. at Town Green Park, 9<sup>th</sup> Street (MD Route 564). 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. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

**6/9 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *40 Dollar Fine*** 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. These concerts offer relaxing entertainment for the entire family. All concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

**6/10 – Walking Program** 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. at the City Gym. Walkers may access the facility Monday – Friday. For more information, please contact the Gym at 301-809-2388.

**6/10 – Collector’s Corner – Textile Cleaning and Care** 3 - 5:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Collector’s Corner is an ongoing conservation workshop series developed by the City of Bowie Museums and the Hammond Harwood House in Annapolis. This session will address textile identification, guidelines for at-home care and dry cleaning, storage and display techniques for your home or small museum. Bring your own textile or costume treasure to share with the group. Free, but reservations are required. Call 301-809-3097.

**6/14 – Learn to be Tech Savvy at the Senior Center** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. Join Danielle Edelen, a representative from Best Buy, as she shows you how to use a tablet. If you have one, bring it! For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**6/15 – Document Shredding & Styrofoam Recycling Event** 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Bowie High School parking lot, 15200 Annapolis Road. Safely dispose of sensitive documents at this free shredding event. Bring up to 550 pounds of documents (5 tall kitchen bags or 5 archive boxes) and watch while documents are shredded (no need to remove staples, rubber bands or paper clips). Only expanded polystyrene Styrofoam will be accepted for recycling – this is the type found in electronics packaging. For more information, contact the City Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.

**6/15 – Saturday Concert Series – *ilyAIMY*** 2 - 4 p.m. at Town Green Park, 9<sup>th</sup> Street (MD Route 564). 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. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

**6/15 - "Plan Prince George's" Town Meeting** 10 a.m. at the Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center on the University of Maryland campus. This interactive town meeting will feature experts on reaching the County's economic vitality and quality of life goals, and participants will discuss the future “downtown” of Prince George’s County. Breakfast refreshments will be provided beginning at 9 a.m. Parking is free and the location is accessible by public transit. RSVP at [www.planpgc2035.com](http://www.planpgc2035.com).

**6/16 – June Jam Skate Competition** 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Bowie Skate Park, Allen Pond Park. 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 on the day of the competition 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.) The entry fee is \$10 for beginner and intermediate skaters and \$20 for advanced skaters (cash only). Skaters are required to wear a helmet while skating and skating is at your own risk. For additional information visit [www.cityofbowie.org/skatepark](http://www.cityofbowie.org/skatepark).

**6/16 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *The Baywinds Band*/Bowie Elks Flag Day Program** Start time 6 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. Before the concert, the Bowie Elks will host a short program in honor of Flag Day. Free. The concert is canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

**6/17 – City Council Meeting** - 8 p.m. at City Hall. This meeting will include a public hearing on the Comcast Franchise Renewal Agreement.

**6/20 – Kids Kaboose** 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun and games for youngsters ages 1-11. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**6/20 – Tuesday Time Travellers – Get in the Game** 10:30 a.m. at Belair Mansion. Youngsters ages 4-11 are invited for some history fun, including games and pastimes from the 18th and 19th centuries. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**6/20 – “World Drumming for Fun and Health” Program - Summer Intergenerational Fun and Pizza** 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the Senior Center. Embracing the longer days of sunshine, seniors are invited to bring their family and friends to this evening of intergenerational activities. Share pizza, salad and a fun interactive program together one Thursday a month. Registration and \$6 is due one week prior to each program. Contact the Senior Center for more details. All ages are welcome. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**6/22 – Saturday Concert Series – Saturday** 2 - 4 p.m. at Town Green Park, 9<sup>th</sup> Street (MD Route 564). 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. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

**6/23 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *US Air Force Max Impact*** 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. Concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

**6/27 – Mrs. Rumney’s Housewifery School for Young Ladies** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Young ladies, between the ages of 7 and 13 (and any young gentlemen who should like to attend) are invited to spend the day with Mrs. Rumney, Belair’s 18<sup>th</sup> century housekeeper, for schooling in the skills of colonial household management. Attendees will enjoy a number of domestic opportunities, including laundry, sewing, making lunch, and learning about proper dress, deportment, and dance. Fee, reservations required. Call 301-809-3089.

**6/29 – Saturday Concert Series – *d.c. Motors*** 2 - 4 p.m. at Town Green Park, 9<sup>th</sup> Street (MD Route 564). 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. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

**6/30 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *The British Invasion Experience*** 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. All concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

### ***Coming Next Month...***

#### **7/4 – City Fourth of July Celebration**

Bowie begins a new Fourth of July tradition this year at Prince George’s Stadium, home of the Bowie Baysox. The Fabulous Hubcaps will perform at 7 p.m. and fireworks will light up the sky at approximately 9:15 p.m. This event is free and there is no Baysox game that evening. *This program replaces City-sponsored activities that were held in previous years at Allen Pond Park on July 4.*