

Bowie Spotlight

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Celebrate Bowie History at 44th Annual Heritage Day

On March 30, 1737, the Reverend Jacob Henderson's "very ill state of health and circumstances" necessitated a return to England. That return resulted in the sale of several properties he owned, including Woodcock's Range, part of Enfield Chase, and Belair. The purchasers were Benjamin Tasker, Sr. and Samuel Ogle, builder of Belair Mansion. Bowie's long history began in earnest then!

From our earliest days as a plantation community, through the 19th and early 20th century days as a railroad community, the evolution of a suburban "bedroom" community, Bowie grew. It continues to grow today, and every day celebrates its "hometown" feeling. Join us for some "hometown feeling" and celebration on **Sunday, May 20, 2012** at Heritage Day – in museums all over town!

The "pitter patter" of little hooves will resound at the Belair Stable – kids ages 1-11 can enjoy free pony rides, butter churning and a craft to take home. Grownups can tap their feet to the bluegrass music of Durham Station. Everyone can explore Bowie's long Thoroughbred history through the Stable's exhibits. And, in honor of Belair's racing champion Nashua's 60th birthday, cake will be served. Author Kimberly Gatto will be on hand to autograph copies of her new book, "Belair Stud."

Belair Mansion will be open from 12 - 4 p.m. for tours – and for a first look at a new exhibit on Ogle Family Silver. Of special note is a family tea service, made in Baltimore by the Kirk Company, which has a history of both Ogle and Bowie ownership.

The NTrack Modellers from Baltimore will set up their large model board and trains from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Bowie Railroad Museum. And, if you've got Huntington City history to share (or any other Bowie history!) the Huntington Heritage Society will be holding a "photo scan opportunity" at the Welcome Center. Bring your Old Bowie photographs for inclusion in their history gathering project.

Heritage Day activities are all free – and are great family entertainment. Don't miss the fun! Visit www.cityofbowie.org/museum for addresses of City museums, or for more information, contact the Museums Office at 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

Maryland Offers \$25 Coupon to Plant a Tree

A few years ago, the State launched the *Marylanders Plant Trees* program to encourage the planting of trees, with the goal of 100,000 new trees by the end of 2012. To support this effort, the State offers discount coupons worth \$25 towards the purchase of a tree.

Program information and the coupon can be found on the *Marylanders Plant Trees* website at www.trees.maryland.gov. There are restrictions about the types of trees and where they can be purchased. Check the website for details.

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Summer Pet Safety

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

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As the days get longer and warmer, we look forward to the many joys the summer season brings. We should also be aware of the seasonal ailments this weather may bring to our pets, especially heat exhaustion and dehydration.

Pets spending time outdoors need access to shade and plenty of cool fresh drinking water. Pets should not be kept outside for extended periods of time, especially during peak heat hours of the day. Dogs and cats regulate their body temperatures by panting. Exercise should be limited to early morning and evening hours, when temperatures are cooler. Surfaces such as asphalt and sand retain heat and can burn paws and raise a pet's body temperature if the pet is left standing too long. Pets that are older, overweight, brachycephalic (snub-nosed, i.e. Bulldogs, Pugs, Shih Tzu, Persians, etc.), or have heart or lung conditions are especially sensitive to heat and humidity. Pets should always have access to cool areas.

Never leave your pet unattended in a vehicle. Only travel with your pet if you plan to take it out of the car with you on every stop. Even with windows open, temperatures in a parked car can reach 120 degrees in minutes. Maryland State Law permits law enforcement and public safety employees to use reasonable force to remove animals from unattended vehicles if conditions are endangering the health or safety of the animal. Violators can face civil and criminal charges.

If your pet begins to pant heavily, drool excessively, become weak, unsteady, anxious, the gums turn red or purple, the eyes appear glazed - these are clinical signs of heat stress or exhaustion. Immediately try to cool your pet by moving the pet into the shade or an air-conditioned area. Apply cold towels or ice packs to the chest, neck and head area or run cool water over the pet's body. Contact your veterinary office for advice. Acting quickly could save your pet's life.



Rabies Vaccination Clinic and Pet Licenses

The City of Bowie and the Prince George's County Health Department will sponsor a low-cost rabies vaccination clinic and provide an opportunity to license your pet. The Clinic is scheduled for **Saturday, June 2, 2012** from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Bowie High School, 15200 Annapolis Road.

Dogs must be on a leash, and cats and ferrets must be secured in a carrier box. The vaccination cost is \$10. The license fee is \$5 if the pet is neutered or spayed, or \$25 if the pet is unaltered. Please bring exact change.

For additional information, contact the Prince George's County Health Department at 301-583-3750, or the Bowie Animal Control Office at 301-809-3002 or tdodge@cityofbowie.org.

Remembering the Importance of Trees

I hope all of you are enjoying the warmer spring weather. How about we take a quick journey down “memory lane” in order to get a fresh view of why trees and the tree canopy are so important and beneficial to all of us?

The City’s Planning Department recently engaged a university study which evaluated the “tree canopy” in our City. We fared very well in that our tree canopy is well over 40%, putting us quite high on the comparative scale with other cities locally and nationally. Yet, it is incumbent upon all of us to keep focused and continue to maintain and even increase the tree canopy. It would be appropriate to ask, “Why?” The benefits of an urban tree canopy can be thought of as threefold: environmental, economic and social.

Environmentally, trees benefit us by improving air quality by capturing pollutants and CO2 and producing clean oxygen, reducing storm water runoff, cooling the “urban heat island”, providing wind-breaks, and providing needed shade.

Economically, trees increase property values, attract homebuyers, attract businesses and customers, reduce energy costs, and can even reduce some health problems.

Socially, trees help create a friendlier environment with less crime and violence. They also can increase community pride and interest with their beauty, while promoting recreation and relaxation contributing to the general public health.

Not wanting to bore you with further details and statistics, suffice it to say that without our excellent tree canopy in Bowie, the quality of our lives would be greatly diminished. And this is why our City staff is dedicated to maintaining and even increasing the health and population of our trees. It is my sincere desire and hope that you, our citizens, will join in the mission and plant a tree in your yard as well. Here’s to “going green”! *Rick Kellner, Community Forester*

Code Corner

It is spring again and the grass, trees, and flowers are growing and blooming. We love this time of year but realize it comes with a lot of maintenance. We have to mow our grass, trim the trees and clean our yard. We offer these tips and reminders:

- Grass needs to be cut before it reaches eight inches (8”) in height.
- Keep your property free from species of noxious plant growth such as poison ivy, oak, and sumac.
- The City collects bagged and bundled yard waste every Wednesday, so please do not dump yard waste on public or vacant properties!
- Keep the sidewalks clear from overhanging branches, shrubs, or plants. There needs to be a clearance of nine feet (9’) above the pavement.
- Maintain pools, wading pools, and fish ponds so the water does not become stagnate and a breeding ground for mosquitoes.
- When draining water from property be sure not to direct the water onto neighboring properties and avoid pooling or soil erosion.

For more information, contact the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 or lransom@cityofbowie.org.

Musings From the Watershed Manager

As a suburban community, Bowie has a large amount of impervious cover such as buildings, roads, parking lots and other hard surfaces that do not allow rainwater or snowmelt to filter through to the ground where it falls. Instead, the water collects on and flows across these hard surfaces collecting pollutants and contaminants, and becomes runoff. This runoff drains into local streams in much higher quantities and at a much a faster rate than would occur in a natural environment where large expanses of forest or grass would be found and would allow for water to infiltrate the ground.

If you were a raindrop and fell on a rooftop in the Levitt area of Bowie, in particular, you would basically be funneled through the gutter or downspout from the rooftop, down the driveway or parking lot and into the storm drain along the side of the road, then into the neighborhood stream. You would continue into the Patuxent River and the Chesapeake Bay. This can cause a variety of problems along the way including habitat loss, increased flooding, decreased stream life, and increased erosion of stream channels. In newer neighborhoods, you would flow into a stormwater management pond where pollutants would be removed before the pond emptied into the stream. Effective management of stormwater runoff is very important across the City.

How can you help? Downspout “disconnection” spreads rooftop runoff from individual downspouts across lawns or yards where it is filtered and can often infiltrate the ground. Disconnection does not mean removing the downspout from your house. It means to disconnect it from your driveway and the road. It can be as simple as redirecting the downspout so that it doesn’t send rooftop runoff across the driveway but instead into a landscaped or grassy area of your property.

Other ways to disconnect your downspout are through the use of rain barrels and/or rain gardens. Rain barrels are large drums that are installed on a downspout and collect water to be used for supplemental irrigation later. Rain gardens are shallow, landscaped areas of a yard about 20 feet away from the house where the downspout is directed. Rooftop runoff is collected and filters through the roots of special plants and soils in the rain garden.

Downspout disconnection is one of the easiest types of stormwater management to use in residential neighborhoods. It reduces the volume of stormwater runoff, collects and/or filters out pollutants and promotes groundwater recharge. For more information on any of these “on-lot” stormwater solutions, contact Watershed Manager Tiffany Wright at 301-809-3043 or twright@cityofbowie.org.

Rain Barrel Workshop a Success!

Thank you to the 30 residents that made our March rain barrel workshop a success. The Bowie Lions and the City co-hosted this annual spring workshop where residents learned a little about stormwater runoff and ways they can help reduce pollution. For information on this, read the article to the left. If you were unable to attend our 2012 workshop, we look forward to seeing you in 2013.

To purchase a rain barrel any time of year, contact the Bowie Lions at 301-262-2665 or BowieLions@gmail.com.

Challenge Yourself With Our “Recycling Quiz”

You received a lot of great electronic gadgets over the holidays but the batteries are now worn out.

What do you do with the dead batteries?

Answer: See

www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie



Beautification Awards Program

The City, in cooperation with Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton, announces the 17th Anniversary of the Beautification Awards Program. Nominations are being 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 22, 2012**. The Awards Program is scheduled for early fall. All 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 corporate limits of the City of Bowie. For nomination forms and further information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Community Outreach Grants

Each year the Community Outreach Committee offers grants to assist in meeting needs of City residents. Individuals, nonprofits and others may apply to receive funding for projects that address concerns particularly for youth and seniors related to such topics as health, disability or other social concerns. At the end of May, once the City's Budget is finalized, information and applications for Community Outreach Grants will be available on the City's website - www.cityofbowie.org.

Education Grants

Each year the Education Committee is allocated funds to award grants to schools, teachers, PTAs/PTOs, or individuals who develop projects that enhance the curriculum and/or provide enrichment to the student learning process. The application deadline will be early in October 2012. Applications will be on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org, and available at local schools by mid-August.

What's Bouncing at the Bowie Gym?

Women's Recreational Volleyball - Fridays, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. The program will run through June 8.

Sport 4 All (www.Sport4All.org) - Games in Motion is an 8-week program beginning **Tuesday, June 5** at 6 p.m. for ages 3 - 6 years. A program that features active non-sport games is also available for ages 7 - 12 beginning **June 12**. For more information, please visit the website.

DMV ELITE (www.dmvelite.com) - will offer a summer basketball camp **June 18 - 22** for boys and girls ages 9 - 14. For more information, please visit the website.

Todd Bozeman Basketball School (www.tboze.com) - will offer a summer basketball camp **June 25 - 29** for boys and girls ages 6 - 12. For more information, please visit the website or contact tbbs@aol.com.

9th Annual Back to School Bash will be held on Saturday, August 18th. We are currently soliciting vendors for our resource area. If you have a program/event that will be of interest to parents during the upcoming school year, please contact us for table space. Tables are provided free of charge!

Art Notes

Art Gallery News Visitors to City Hall are invited to view the art exhibit entitled "Away from Home." It includes artwork by area artists that features landscapes and activities that reflect life beyond Bowie. This juried art show will run from March 5 until June 23. The next exhibit, "Efflorescence" will be juried on Saturday, June 23, 2012. A call for artists is available on the City webpage which provides specific requirements for art to be submitted for this show.

Artists interested in having their work shown exclusively for a period of time in the galleries need to read the *Requirements for Exhibition* that include filling out an application and submitting a portfolio representative of their work. *Requirements* for artists are on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org.

Youth Photography Contest "Summer Blooms" is the theme for the 2012 Photography Contest sponsored by the Bowie Arts Committee. Children are invited to submit photos of flowers, gardens, plants or other images that suggest blooms and flowers, such as fireworks. Be creative, look for flowers or floral designs in unusual places.

Color or black and white photos sized 8" x 10" may be submitted. All photos should be printed on photo paper. Photos should not be digitally altered or enhanced. Photos will be judged on quality (composition, exposure, focus and lighting) and creativity. Photos must be accompanied by the entry form found on the City's webpage, www.cityofbowie.org.

Age divisions are Youth ages 6-12 and Teens ages 13-18. Prizes for first place are \$100 and second place are \$50. Honorable mention certificates will be awarded in each division as well. Winning photos will be displayed in the Young Person's Art Gallery at Bowie City Hall during the month of August. Photos must be submitted to City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie MD 20716 by **Friday, June 29, 2012**.

For more information about either of these Arts items, contact Margaret Suddeth at margaret@suddeth.com or 301-262-9426.

City Scholarship Awards

Each year the City awards Excellence in Education and Arts Scholarships to graduating high school and current college (Arts only) students who are residents of Bowie. This spring, the City received 30 scholarship applications from very bright, talented, creative young people.

One student was selected to receive an Arts scholarship and four students were selected to receive Excellence in Education (a combination of academic excellence and other factors) scholarships.

On May 21, 2012 a reception will be held to honor the scholarship winners, and later that evening the students will be recognized at a City Council meeting where the scholarships will be awarded. Congratulations to the following 2012 scholarship winners:

Arts Scholarship to:

- **Nehemiah Russell** of DeMatha Catholic High School (\$1,000)

Education Scholarships to:

- **Adesulu Adewole** of Bowie High School (\$1,250)
- **Danielle DiGregory** of Bowie High School (\$1,250)
- **Victoria Gray** of Eleanor Roosevelt High School (\$1,250)
- **Nehemiah Russell** of DeMatha Catholic High School (\$1,250)

If you would like to know more about the City's scholarship programs, please contact Annette Esterheld at aesterheld@cityofbowie.org or 301-575-5601.

2012 Paraprofessional

Award

The City's Education Committee selected **Wanda Boyce** as its Education Paraprofessional honoree for 2012. Ms. Boyce, who works at High Bridge Elementary School, has been a paraprofessional in Prince George's County Public Schools for 36 years.

The Paraprofessional Award is given to a person who is not hired as a teacher, but one who works directly under the guidance of the classroom teacher, reinforcing grade appropriate skills with small groups of students in a classroom or small group setting within one of the eligible Bowie schools.

Ms. Boyce has been at High Bridge Elementary School for the last 20 years. Special Educator Patricia Skipworth wrote in her nomination that Ms. Boyce "has a gift for working with children that need a little 'extra.' Her soft-spoken style and demeanor cause children to gravitate to her like a magnet." Ms. Skipworth also noted that Ms. Boyce encourages children who lack self-confidence to take risks and she is always first to help a child with a need. She shares in writing lesson plans for small groups and in implementing the lesson plans, often comes early, stays late, works hard to engage the children, and provides insights that children can understand.

For more information about this award, please contact the Education Committee at 301-809-3013 or aesterheld@cityofbowie.org.

Excellence in Education Dinner

Each year the City holds a special dinner and awards ceremony to honor one teacher from each school in the City who has been deemed by their Principal and peers to be outstanding. This year the City's Education Committee hosts the Excellence in Education Dinner on May 2, 2012. We congratulate and extend our thanks to the following award winners:

Jennifer Findlater	Benjamin Tasker Middle School
Robert Goldman	Bowie High School
Patricia McGowan	Bowie High School
Linda Norris	C. Elizabeth Rieg Regional School
Christine Blanchard	Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center
Judith Nabinger	Grace Christian School
Kathleen Donahue	Heather Hills Elementary School
Lynne Ciocon	High Bridge Elementary School
Kimberly Magruder	Kenilworth Elementary School
Ciera Van Hoose	Northview Elementary School
Tanya Morsell	Pointer Ridge Elementary School
Madelaine Galarza	Rockledge Elementary School
Donna Spriggs Missouri	Saint Pius X Regional School
Colleen Moore	Samuel Ogle Middle School
Shaunte Matthews Jones	Tall Oaks Technical Academy
Christopher Taylor	Tulip Grove Elementary School
Stacy Millspaugh	Whitehall Elementary School
Takisha Robinson Ubiera	Yorktown Elementary School

Bowie Reads at Bowiefest

The City of Bowie's Education Committee in partnership with Tulip Grove Elementary School PTA is collecting new and "gently used" books for distribution at the City's Bowiefest festival on June 2, 2012. Only books appropriate for children from birth through high school will be accepted. The books are free and available to children that stop by the Bowie Reads booth during Bowiefest.

Books may be dropped off in the front lobby at Tulip Grove Elementary School 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. on weekdays. When the building is closed, books should be left on the front porch by the double blue doors. EZStorage of Bowie has generously donated a free storage unit so we can accommodate lots of books! So bring all you have and collect more from your friends and neighbors.

For more information, please contact Marylouise Lopez at mlopez@pgcps.org or 301-464-3206. Thank you for your book donations!

Memorial Day Weekend Parade

The City's 2012 Parade will honor our Armed Forces who served in Iraq. Since last December, all the troops have come home and we are asking everyone, participants and spectators, to show support for all who served, and especially for those who did not return, by bringing a patriotic sign or banner to the Parade.

This year's parade will be held **Saturday, May 26, 2012** 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 gave all; 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. Please 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.



2012 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 9 | Durham Station
<i>Bluegrass</i> |
| June 16 | d.c. Motors
<i>Classic Rock</i> |
| June 23 | Simply Ira
<i>R&B</i> |
| June 30 | Alan King
<i>R&B</i> |
| July 7 | 2nd Story Band
<i>Funky Blues/Swing</i> |
| July 14 | Joe Tichy
<i>Acoustic Rock</i> |
| July 21 | Project Natale
<i>Jazz</i> |
| July 28 | Delta Loco
<i>Blues/Rock/Classic</i> |

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



2012 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 27	US Navy Band Cruisers <i>Rock</i>
June 3	US Army Blues <i>Jazz</i>
June 10	The Baywinds Band/Bowie Elks Flag Day Program <i>*Start time 6 p.m.</i> <i>Concert Performance</i>
June 17	Sylver Logan Sharp <i>R&B/Soul</i>
June 24	US Air Force Max Impact <i>Rock</i>
July 1	The Winstons <i>Motown</i>
July 8	Allyson Taylor <i>R&B/Pop</i>
July 15	Bottle of Blues <i>Blues</i>
July 22	The Shades <i>60's / 70's Music</i>
July 29	The Back Pages Band <i>60's / 70's Rock</i>
Aug. 5	Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition <i>Bluegrass</i>
Aug. 12	40 Dollar Fine <i>Classic Rock</i>
Aug. 19	The McDuffees <i>Country</i>
Aug. 26	US Air Force Airmen of Note <i>Jazz</i>
Sept. 2	The Electric Company <i>80's Music</i>
Sept. 9	US Naval Academy Salute to America Concert <i>Patriotic</i>

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



Celebrate Bowiefest!

Celebrate Bowie at this year's *Bowiefest* on **Saturday, June 2, 2012** 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 food from area vendors, including cotton candy from the Collington Masonic Lodge and beef barbecue from the Belle-Aires Twirlers. Other festival favorites include soft serve ice cream, funnel cakes, Italian sausage, frozen fruit drinks and fresh-squeezed lemonade.

Entertainment will be provided on two stages featuring Reptile World with Michael Shwedick, Dance Expressions, C&C Dance Company, as well as the Good Chemistry Band which is sure to get you dancing on the Amphitheater lawn. Bowie's own Split2nd Band will have you singing with their style of rock and roll music. And enjoy a variety of music on the East 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. And rides, games and activities complete your day at Bowiefest.

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

Mosquito Control Program Underway

The City’s 2012 Mosquito Control Program began with spring larviciding in April. The regular season begins June 1, 2012 and will continue into early September. Work may continue late into September if necessary.

The program consists of larviciding (control of immature stages of the mosquito), public education about the Asian Tiger Mosquito, and adult surveillance with possible spraying on Tuesday (North Bowie) or Wednesday nights (South Bowie).

Larviciding involves the treatment of the immature stages (eggs, larvae or pupae) of the mosquitoes in the stagnant water where they occur. Known breeding areas will be checked every three weeks and will be treated as necessary.

Your neighborhood has been scheduled for adult mosquito surveillance and possible spraying according to the schedule to the right. This part of the program will begin the end of June and will continue through the end of September. Please call the Public Works Department if you have a mosquito problem in your area.

The Tiger Mosquito is a major pest in this area. You can help reduce its “backyard breeding”. Mosquitoes can breed in any standing water. To prevent backyard breeding areas, water should be changed weekly in birdbaths and wading pools, and daily in pet dishes. Gutters should be cleaned at least twice a year. Other water holding containers should be disposed of or stored upside down.

If you need assistance with identifying breeding areas around your home, or to report stagnant water near your property, contact the Public Works Department at 301-809-2336 or csullivan@cityofbowie.org. Information is also available from the Maryland Department of Agriculture Mosquito Control Office at 301-422-5080 or on the website at www.mda.state.md.us.

Weekly Spraying Schedule

If necessary, spraying for mosquitoes will take place weekly according to the following schedule:

Tuesdays 9 p.m. - 4 a.m.	Wednesdays 9 p.m. - 4 a.m.
Belair Greens	Amber Meadows
Bowie Forest	Ashleigh
Bowie Station	Ashleigh Station
Buckingham	Bowie Commons
Chapel Forge	Collington Manor
Derbyshire	Collington Station
Fairview	Covington
Fletchertown Road	Devonshire
Foxhill	Enfield Chase
Forest Drive	Ensleigh
Glenridge	Essington
Grady’s Walk	Evergreen Estates
Highbridge Park	Glen Allen
Hillmeade Station Addition	Governor’s Green
Huntington	Greystone
Huntington Crest	Grovehurst
Idlewild	Heather Hills
Kenilworth	Lake Village Manor
Long Ridge	Longleaf
Meadowbrook	Mitchellville Rd. Townhouses
Meadowbrook Townhouses	Mitchellville East
Northridge	Northview
Old Chapel Estates	Oak Pond
Olde Stage	Oaktree
Overbrook	Palisades
Princeton Square	Patuxent Overlook
Race Track Rd. Townhouses	Peach Preserve
Rockledge	Pointer Ridge North
Rolling Hills	Pointer Ridge South
Saddlebrook	Ridgeview Townhouses
Saddlebrook West	Tall Oaks
Somerset	Tall Oaks Crossing
Spring Meadows	Ternberry
Stewart’s Landing	Vistas
Sumner Chase	Woodmore Estates
Tulip Grove	Woodmore Highlands
Victoria Heights	
Westview	
Whitehall	
Yorktown	

Springtime Tips from Public Works

Yard Waste Recycling is Mandatory

Yard waste is collected each Wednesday. **It will not be picked up with regular trash.** Yard waste consists of leaves, grass clippings, branches less than three inches in diameter (**no bamboo, dirt, mulch, or sod**). Leaves and grass (free of dirt and rocks, etc.) must be bagged, boxed or in cans. Branches must be no longer than four feet and should be securely tied in manageable bundles, or put in boxes or bags. Yard waste must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on Wednesdays. Bamboo is picked up on regular trash days.

Buying a new lawn mower? The City offers residents a rebate of **\$50** for the purchase of a new mulching, electric or manual reel mower. To obtain your rebate, bring proof of City residency and the receipt for the mower to the Finance Department Cashier's window at City Hall. If the receipt does not specify that the mower is one of the three types, please also bring a manual or other documentation for the mower. Finance Department hours are Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Refuse and Recycling Reminders

When your recycling day falls on one of your refuse collection days, please place your refuse on one side of the driveway and your recycling on the other side. This way there will be no doubt as to whether you are recycling items or want them collected as trash.

Single stream recycling is here! Glass food and beverage containers (clear and colored); aluminum beverage cans and foil; bimetal cans - food containers; aerosol cans; plastics - soft or rigid, large or small mouth bottles and containers, tubs, bags, flower pots, cups, toys, and lawn furniture; newspapers, junk mail, catalogs, magazines, paperboard and cardboard should be placed in paper or plastic bags, or tied in bundles. All of these items may be placed in the same recycling container. You may use any container, just mark it "**Recycling**". The filled container may weigh no more than 50 pounds. Place it at the curb by 7 a.m. the day of your pickup.

Special pickup is for metal items only such as washers, dryers, water heaters, grills, bicycles, refrigerators, freezers, exercise equipment – anything that is 98% metal. You must call to request the service. Call 301-809-2344 prior to 12 noon on Tuesdays for that Wednesday's special pickup.

Large, bulky items such as couches, chairs, console televisions, computer monitors, sliding glass doors with the glass, wood tables - household items that are not 98% metal - can be placed at the curb on one of your regular trash days. These are not special pickup items.

Used Oil and Antifreeze: The City operates a drop-off facility for used oil, filters and antifreeze just inside the Public Works entrance on Route 450. This facility is open Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., the first Saturday of each month 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., and other Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Items not collected: Compact fluorescent light bulbs, sod, dirt, rocks, mulch, car parts, propane tanks, concrete, oil, gasoline, kerosene, oil-based paints or any hazardous materials. Prince George's County accepts hazardous waste at the Brown Station Landfill in Upper Marlboro Thursday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 301-883-5045.

Bowie Youth & Family Services

301-809-3033

When you have concerns about your child's behavior, are faced with making a crucial decision, are worried about possible substance abuse, or needing help in resolving a dilemma that is impeding potential goals, relationships, or happiness, Bowie Youth & Family Services (BYFS) can often help. Each year, hundreds of children and their families are seen for counseling. Regardless of the cause of a child's problem, from adjusting to a new situation to serious emotional problems such as depression or anxiety disorders, and other concerns, effective treatments are available.

BYFS is one of the State of Maryland's 19 Youth Services Bureaus and has been serving the City of Bowie for more than 37 years. In-depth, family 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.

Families and individuals residing within the corporate limits of the City of Bowie will be charged \$20 per session for meeting with a counselor. Participants in the program that reside outside the City limits will be charged \$30. BYFS staff is composed of master and doctoral level clinicians with extensive training in family counseling. 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.

Teen Job Bank Teens can go online or call 301-809-3033 for an application to sign up to help residents with jobs like babysitting, lawn and yard work, housework, etc. You must be 13-17 years old to sign up. Spring cleaning time? Need help, Bowie residents? Call 301-809-3033 to get names of teens that are willing to help you for a fee.

Bowie Playhouse Presents



DEATHTRAP -- 4/27 - 5/12

This ingeniously constructed play offers a rare and skillfull blending of two priceless theatrical ingredients – gasp-inducing thrills and spontaneous laughter. Dealing with a devious writer of thrillers whose recent offerings have been flops, and is prepared to go to any length to improve his fortune, it provides twists and turns and sudden shocks. Audiences will be held spellbound until the very last moment! Produced by Prince George's Little Theatre. For tickets and information, 301-937-7458 or www.pglt.org.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF -- 6/1 - 6/30

"Fiddler" set in Tsarist Russia in 1905 tells the story of Tevye, the father of five daughters, and his attempts to maintain his family and religious traditions when outside influences encroach upon their lives. He must cope with both the strong-willed actions of his three older daughters – each one's choice of husband moves her further away from the customs of her family and faith – and with the edict of the Tsar that evicts the Jews from their villages. The musical is filled with rich musical numbers including "If I Were a Rich Man," "Tradition," "Matchmaker, Matchmaker," and "Sunrise, Sunset". 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 Whitmarsh Park, 16500 Whitmarsh Park Drive. For ticket sales and information about the productions, contact the theater companies directly.

Bowie Ice Arena

301-809-3090



Bowie Ice Arena will once again offer summer skating camps and group lessons beginning in July. For registration information, visit us online at www.cityofbowie.org or call **301-809-3090**.

Summer Skating Camps

Small Skate – A half-day camp, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. during the weeks of **July 9** and **July 30** for children of all skating levels ages 3 - 6. Campers participate in on-ice instruction, on and off-ice games, and arts and crafts. Skaters put on a show at the end of the week.

Summer Skate – A full-day camp, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. during the weeks of **July 23** and **August 13** for children of all skating levels ages 6 - 13. Campers participate in on-ice instruction, on and off-ice games, and arts and crafts. Skaters put on a show at the end of the week.

Learn to Play Hockey – A half-day camp, 2 - 5 p.m. during the week of **July 9** for children ages 5 - 12 who have skating experience but who have limited or no hockey experience. Skaters must have basic skating skills and full ice hockey equipment. Emphasis will be placed on basic hockey skating, stick handling and puck control.

Freestyle Skate – An advanced level specialty day camp, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. during the weeks of **July 30** for skaters at the Freestyle level. Camp includes on and off-ice instruction, strength training, choreography, and ballet or Pilates.

Hockey Development – A specialty camp during the weeks of **July 16** and **August 6** for hockey players who have team experience at the Mite travel level through Bantam/High School. For a detailed brochure, please call the Ice Arena or visit the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org, under leisure activities.

Group Lessons – Lessons will be offered for children as young as 18 months of age through adults on Tuesday and Thursday evenings during July and August. Classes begin **July 10**. No experience needed. For more information, please call the Ice Arena or visit the City's website at www.cityof-bowie.org.

The Ice Arena is closed during the months of May and June for annual maintenance but will reopen in July for summer skating.

Farmers' Market "Opening Day"

Join us for the Bowie Farmers' Market Opening Day on **Sunday, May 20, 2012** from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Opening Day will host market vendors offering fresh locally grown produce, fruit, cut flowers, plants, breads, pastries, jams, jellies, cheese, fish, crabs and more. Please be sure to pick up a Farmers' Market bag with a qualifying purchase. Beginning in June, on the first Sunday of each month, the Maryland Master Gardeners will be at the Market to answer any questions you may have about your home garden. Stop by and talk to the experts for free!

The market will operate in the parking lot of the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts at Bowie High School, 15200 Annapolis Road on Sundays, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., through October 28, 2012. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

News of the City Museums



Mark Your Calendar

“Putting Your Best Foot Forward: 18th Century Ladies Fashions” Brown Bag Lunch Lecture - Monday, May 7, 12 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Bring your lunch and enjoy a look at 18th century fashion with Curator Samantha Dorsey. Coffee and tea provided. Free.

Kids Kaboose - Tuesday, May 15, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun and games for youngsters ages 1-11. Free.

44th Annual Bowie Heritage Day - Sunday, May 20. Visit the Railroad Museum, Welcome Center, Mansion and Stable for fun heritage activities – including free pony rides. Author Kimberly Gatto will be on hand to celebrate the publication of her new book “The Belair Stud.” Copies for her to sign will be available for purchase.

“Looking at Andrea Palladio’s Architecture...Then and Now” Brown Bag Lunch Lecture - Monday, June 11, 12 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Bring your lunch and enjoy a discussion of our “architectural roots” presented by Museums Manager Pam Williams. Coffee and tea provided. Free.

Friends on the Road - Monday, June 18. Join the Friends of Belair Estate on a bus trip to Richmond – to explore the Confederacy. Reservation and advance payment required.

Kids Kaboose - Tuesday, June 19, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun and games for youngsters ages 1-11. Free.

Tuesday Time Travellers - Horsin’ Around - Tuesday, June 19, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Belair Stable Museum. Youngsters ages 6-11 are invited to enjoy a special tour and children’s activities at the Stable. 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 infor-
mation, 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 infor-
mation, call 301-262-2063.*

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.

"Take it Easy" Tour of Belair Mansion

**Wednesday, May 16
10:30 a.m.**

Take a tour of Belair Mansion, without leaving your chair! Join Museum Manager, Pam Williams, as she conducts an arm-chair tour of Bowie's crown jewel, the 1745 Belair Mansion. Relax and enjoy 270 years of Bowie history!

Information Fair

**Friday, May 18,
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

The event is **free** and will include local businesses, nonprofit organizations and government agencies. See you at the Fair!



Senior Chorale Spring Concerts

**Friday, May 25, 7:30 p.m. at the
Bowie Center for the Performing Arts**

The spring show is titled "This is Our Country" featuring patriotic folksongs, gospel hymns, and other spirited musical selections which highlight this great land of ours! Tickets for the performance are \$6 and are available at the Senior Center.

Belly Dancing - It's Fun and Good For You!

Tuesday, June 12, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Wednesday, July 11, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 14, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Three Belly Dancing workshops will be offered at the Senior Center this summer. An \$8 registration fee is due one week prior to each workshop. Don't delay, sign-up soon!

Be Tech Savvy

Thursday, June 14, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Join Danielle Edelen, a representative from Best Buy, as she shows you how to use a Tablet! If you have one bring it!

Spirit Week

The Center celebrates its 12th Anniversary on June 19! Each day of the week we will have a special theme: June 18 - Hat Day; June 19 - Blues Day (jazz music); June 20 - Dress Hawaiian; June 21 - Open Mic (got talent, share it); and June 22 - Pie Day, \$1 a slice!

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 8:30 p.m.;
and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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Upcoming Events

Farmers' Market Opening Day

*Sunday, May 20, 2012
8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Bowie Center for the
Performing Arts parking lot*

44th Annual Bowie Heritage Day

*Sunday, May 20, 2012
Welcome Center, Railroad, Belair
Mansion and Stable Museums*

Memorial Day Weekend Parade

*Saturday, May 26, 2012
Beginning at 11 a.m.*

Bowiefest

*Saturday, June 2, 2012
11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Allen Pond Park*

2012 Bike to Work Day

Friday, May 18, 2012

Two Bowie Pit Stops:

Bowie Town Center Food Court &

Old Town Bowie Fire Station, 9th Street

Gear up for Bike to Work Day 2012 - 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. Be one of the first 11,000 to preregister at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org and **ride your bike to a Bowie pit stop** for a Bike to Work Day T-shirt.

For more information, contact Frank Stevens in the City's Planning Department at 301-809-3053 or fstevens@cityofbowie.org.

