

Bowie Spotlight

The Official Newsletter of the City of Bowie

July - August 2013

Celebrate Independence Day at Our New Location - Prince George's Stadium

Schedule of Events

7 - 9 p.m.	Fabulous Hubcaps
9 p.m.	Welcome ... Mayor G. Frederick Robinson Introduction of Elected Officials Flag Ceremony National Anthem
9:15 p.m.	Fireworks

Join the City and the Bowie Baysox at Prince George's Stadium, located at 4101 Crain Highway, on **Thursday, July 4th** to celebrate America!

The event is free and open to the public with the gates to the Stadium opening at 6 p.m. Food and drinks will be on sale at the Stadium. Please be aware that no food or drinks may be brought into the Stadium. The Fabulous Hubcaps will provide entertainment beginning at 7 p.m. Come early and enjoy the show, but be sure not to miss the fireworks at dark (approximately 9:15 p.m.). So come on out and help the City celebrate America's birthday! For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Please note: All bags will be checked upon entrance to the Stadium.

National Night Out - August 6, 2013

The Bowie Police Department will celebrate National Night Out on **Tuesday, August 6** from 6 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park.

National Night Out is a nationwide crime and drug prevention event designed to promote information sharing, as well as community strength and involvement. The annual event will include police displays, child fingerprinting, free child ID cards, along with crime prevention and safety information. Children can meet Iron Man, McGruff the Crime Dog and enjoy a moon bounce, dunk tank, face painting and free food. Join us for an evening of family fun!

For more information, contact the Police Department Administrative Office at 301-575-2480. For non-emergency police service, call 301-352-1200. In an emergency, always call 911.

Salute to America Concert

The City's Annual Salute to America Concert will take place on **Sunday, September 1, 2013** from 7 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. The Concert will be the final show of the Sunday Sunset Concert Series and is dedicated to those who died in the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001 and to those service personnel who have died since that time.

The Mayor will mark the event with a few words and the United States Naval Academy Wind Ensemble will provide patriotic music.

The City will distribute candles and flags for a candlelight vigil of remembrance. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityof-bowie.org.

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6th Annual Business Appreciation Awards Honorees

The Sixth Annual Bowie Business Appreciation Awards were presented May 8, 2013 at a breakfast ceremony at the Comfort Inn Conference Center. This joint effort of the City of Bowie Economic Development Committee (EDC) and the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce recognizes businesses and business people who succeed in and help our community. This year's awardees are:

Tight N Up Barbershop & Salon Amour - Small Business of the Year – Owned and operated by Bowie residents Clinton and Linh Truesdale, Tight N Up has been a neighborhood spot for over 12 years. In 2006, they opened Salon Amour next door as a full service salon for women. They give back to their clients, their workers and the community by providing donations to community-based groups.

International House of Pancakes - Business of the Year – The owner, managers and wait staff at IHOP have been consistently kind, caring and efficient throughout the many years they have been in Bowie. The food is well prepared and delicious. The waiters and waitresses are friendly and well trained. Many staff know customers by name, which is really nice.

TD Bank - Green Business of the Year – TD Bank's corporate policy is to work to reduce environmental impact by embedding the environment into the business and by involving its employees, customers and communities. Their two areas of focus are *Saving Paper Saves Trees* and *Saving Energy Saves Money*. TD Bank is committed to supporting sustainable forest management by planting native trees and bushes on their sites, recycling, and providing e-banking options. Their Bowie store is LEED certified Gold. At TD Bank, their goal is to be as green as their logo!

Mahi Reddy - SemaConnect - Entrepreneur of the Year – Mr. Reddy is the founder of SemaConnect, a leading developer and producer of smart networked electric vehicle (EV) charging stations and sophisticated electric vehicle software for station owners and EV drivers. The company launched in 2008 with the first ChargePro™ 620 edition, and EV software called SemaCharge. SemaConnect's aggressive product, technology and software development initiatives within the commercial industry has led them to become the EV charging company of choice for top companies. SemaConnect's philosophy is to innovate, design and build high quality products and services that help their customers move to a cleaner, greener future.

Dr. Mark Geballa - Community Service Award – For a second year, and the promise of more years to follow, Dr. Geballa, with the help of his staff and other local dentists and dental assistants, has opened his office doors and volunteered to provide free dental services to the homeless individuals in the Warm Nights program hosted by St. Pius X parish, serving over 35 individuals over the past two years. Services have included cleanings, filling cavities and extractions. These patients are often in pain and without health insurance. Dr. Geballa's kindness and generosity truly make a difference.

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Comments or questions regarding the content or form of the newsletter should be directed to the Public Information Office at 301-809-3040.

The City's TTY number is 301-262-5013.

For alternative versions of the newsletter, please contact the City's Public Information Office.

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Summer at the City Gym

Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 2, 12 - 8 p.m.

Registration is accepted online at www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation.

Camps

Five Star Basketball Camp –

Boys ages 9-15, July 15 - 19.

Information: www.five-star-foundation.org or 301-762-2121.

Nike Basketball Camp – Boys

ages 6 - 17, July 12 - 26.

Information: USSportsCamos.com/basketball.

Breakout Activity Camp –

Girls and boys, 1st - 8th graders, August 12 - 16.

Sports, in-house trips and educational activities. Information: Breakoutcamp@yahoo.com.

10th Annual Back to School Bash!

Saturday, August 17, 10 a.m.

- 1 p.m. Face painting, puppet show, demonstrations, moon bounce, music, parent resource area and more. School supplies-filled backpack give-away to first 300 children ages 4 - 10. Please bring an item for the Bowie Food Pantry. Vendor space is still available. For more information, please contact the Gym at 301-809-2388.

Please note: The Bowie Gymnasium will close August 18 for regularly scheduled maintenance. The building will re-open Tuesday, September 3.

Bowie Ice Arena



Bowie Ice Arena will open **July 6th** for summer skating. It's a great place to beat the heat! The facility offers summer camps, group lessons, public sessions, birthday parties, pickup hockey, pickup figure skating and stick & puck sessions. For a calendar of activities or to view a brochure with registration information, please visit us online at www.cityof-bowie.org or call **301-809-3090**.

Summer Skating Camps

Small Skate – A half-day camp, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. during the weeks of **July 8** and **August 19**, 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. Fee for Bowie residents is \$100.

Summer Skate – A full-day camp, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. during the weeks of **July 22** and **August 12**, 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. Fee for Bowie residents is \$200.

Freestyle Skate – An advanced level speciality day camp, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. during the week of **July 8**, for skaters at the Freestyle level. Camp includes on and off-ice instruction, harness work, strength training, choreography and ballet or Pilates. Fee for Bowie residents is \$250.

Hockey Development – A specialty camp during the weeks of **July 15** and **July 29** for hockey players Mite travel through high school who have team experience. Camp is directed by former NHL player Dean Melanson.

Learn-to-Skate Group Lessons will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in July and August. Classes are available for children as young as 18 months of age through adults. All levels are welcome. What a great way to stay cool during the hot summer months.

2 For 1 Admission

Bowie Ice Arena

Valid during public skating session. Skate rental is \$3.

Expires 8/30/13

**\$5 Off Summer Lessons or
Camp Registration**

Bowie Ice Arena

Expires 8/6/13

Travel "Around the World In Just One Day" at the Bowie International Festival

Entertainers, artists, crafters, food, and children's activities will fill Allen Pond Park at the Bowie International Festival on **Saturday, October 5, 2013** from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Experiences at this Festival will take you "Around the World in Just One Day."

Bring your family and join friends and neighbors for the following activities: entertainment on two stages; food from the far reaches of Asia to right here in our own backyard; children's activities such as stories, international dance, sports and games from around the world; vendors of crafts, clothing, jewelry and many other offerings representative of a variety of countries and cultures.

This Festival will include something of interest for everyone. Children may pick up a passport at any children's activity booth or the event information booth and participate in various activities, accumulating stamps at each. Activities include dance and music from different cultures, story time, and arts and crafts from around the world. At the end of the "trip," children receive an international prize.

The International Festival Planning Committee is seeking sponsors to help cover the cost of children's activities and entertainment at the Festival. If you own, manage or work for a local business that would like to be a sponsor, please contact the City at the email or number below. Names of sponsors will be included in advance publicity and posted at this fun, entertaining event.

Join us for a day of celebration and exploration. For more information, please go to the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org. You can also contact City Hall at 301-809-3011 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Art Notes

Gallery News **Waterworks Exhibit** ends July 12. The exhibit features artists' work that illustrates the power and beauty of water.

The **Artists of Passageways Studio Group** takes over the walls and display cases for an exhibit that will run from July 15 through October 11. Artists works include paintings, photography, print making, stained glass, sculpture, tapestries, and fiber art.

Figuratively Speaking is the next juried Art Gallery Show. Jurying will be Saturday, October 12, 2013. Check the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org, this summer for information on the show.

Public Art Mural **Life at Allen Pond Park** is the City's latest addition to its collection of public art. The artwork is a very large 16 feet wide, 6 feet high mural that is on a wall at the Boathouse at Allen Pond Park. The mural celebrates some of the variety of what Bowie residents and their neighbors enjoy about Allen Pond and includes the pond and various sports found at the Park.

The artist is George Tuggle, Jr. He is a member of Passageways Artists Studios, a Bowie resident, and a member of the Arts Committee. The project has been a labor of love and passion for him since he took this on last summer. He didn't add his hours, but it's easily been a consuming project and has taken over 1,000 hours of his life. The mural is all acrylic paints on PVC panels.

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



Teachers of the Month



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.

Bowie Business Innovation Center Offers Free Monthly Business Clinics

As part of its ongoing program to accelerate the growth of early stage companies in the greater Bowie area, the Bowie Business Innovation Center (Bowie BIC) at Bowie State University is now offering free "Business Clinics" each month. These Business Clinics give young companies an opportunity to receive practical, individual counseling in three critical areas: entrepreneurship, strategic sales and marketing, and accounting. Experienced business professionals and entrepreneurs volunteer to meet one-on-one with young companies who come to the Bowie BIC during Business Clinic days and hours.

The Bowie BIC Business Clinic details are: Entrepreneurship Clinic with Shukoor Ahmed, v-Empower; Accounting Clinic with Jamie Lewis, CliftonLarsonAllen; and Sales and Marketing Clinic with Thomas Ellis, EWC Consultants.

Business Clinics are popular with existing Bowie BIC client companies and the Clinics are also open to any young company in the Bowie area. Companies can access Business Clinic resources as much or as little as needed. Companies can come in for a single Clinic session one month or for multiple Clinic sessions over several months. Companies can use their Business Clinic appointments to get a general "Checkup" in the Clinic focus area, or to ask specific questions related to their company operations and challenges. Please contact Crystal Simpkins, Bowie BIC Operations Manager, for the Business Clinic schedule and to set up specific appointments (see contact information below).

The Bowie BIC business incubation program has expanded and now includes 14 client companies. This program receives ongoing support from Prince George's County, the City of Bowie, Bowie State University, and the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (Maryland TEDCO). Bowie BIC is also financially supported by members of the Bowie area corporate community and Bowie BIC client companies. The Bowie BIC is accepting applications from new clients. Please contact Crystal Simpkins, Bowie BIC Operations Manager, at 301-383-1550x105 or crystal.simpkins@bowiebic.com to schedule a tour of Bowie BIC and to learn how the program can help your company grow.

Are You Protected From a Sewage Backup?

The City of Bowie uses a very thorough inspection schedule and maintenance program to safeguard against backups in its sewer system. With these preventative measures, the frequency and severity of backups are greatly reduced. However, when homeowners put grease into a garbage disposal or other household drain, over time the grease can accumulate and form a blockage anywhere in the sewer main. When that occurs, raw sewage and water can back up and flood into one or more residences near the blockage. Because these grease blockages are beyond the City's control, the City is not legally responsible for damages to a residence or its contents caused by these backups.

To protect against these situations, you need to have a special rider on your homeowner's or renter's insurance policy to cover damages related to sewage backups or water damage. This optional coverage is generally very inexpensive, but you must usually request it from your insurance company. If you don't have this rider and you experience a sewage backup, you may find yourself financially liable for damages which could amount to several thousand dollars. For your own peace of mind, it is recommended that you check your homeowner's or renter's insurance policy today to ensure that you have this rider.

Attention Homeowners Associations

The City maintains a list of contact information for local homeowners associations on the City's website. The list is used to share important information with your community about planned developments, transportation improvements, and other issues. Help us keep the list current by notifying the Planning Department when your officers and management companies change.

Please visit the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org to see if your community information is correct.

Any corrections or updates to the information should be provided to Marianne Baird at mbaird@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3047.

Summer Means No Lunch for Some

Summertime and the living is easy -- but not for everyone. Those who are struggling to feed their families don't have the free or reduced lunch programs of the schools to help during the summer, so their plight is worse than usual.

Donations to the Bowie Food Pantry are needed. You will find a number of places around Bowie where non-perishable food can be dropped off. Locations include the free Summer Concerts at Allen Pond Park held every Sunday from 7 - 8 p.m., and collection bins can be found at the City's Gymnasium, Senior Center, and the Kenhill Center.

Donations may be made at the Bowie Food Pantry during regular hours of operation, 9 - 11 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The Bowie Food Pantry is located behind Christian Community Presbyterian Church at 3120 Belair Drive.

For more information, contact the Pantry at 301-262-6765 or bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com or visit it on the web at www.bowiefoodpantry.org. Thank you for your support!

Protect Your Pet During the "Dog Days" of Summer

The hot and humid days of summer have arrived and it is very important to remind pet owners to properly care for their pets.

Keep your dog or cat at home. It is dangerous to leave a dog or cat in a parked vehicle, even for a short period of time. Keep your pets inside your home, preferably in a comfortable room or basement. Often dogs enjoy the coolness of a tiled floor over carpeting. If you need to leave your pet outside, you must:

- Monitor your pet. Do not keep him outside for a long period of time. Frequently check his health and well-being.
- Provide shade and shelter. A dog house in direct sunlight may not provide adequate shelter and relief from the heat.
- Provide plenty of clean and cool, fresh water.

Limit exercising your pet on hot days and keep him off hot concrete and asphalt pavements. Offer your pet iced treats including ice cubes and commercial iced treats made especially for pets. Recognize the signs and symptoms of heat related stress and seek professional veterinary care when necessary. Symptoms of heat stroke include:

- A rapid heartbeat
- Dizziness
- Heavy panting or difficult breathing
- Excessive thirst
- Vomiting
- Weakness or collapse

Please protect your pet from heat related illness and stress. For more information, contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002 or lransom@cityofbowie.org.

Bowie Playhouse Presents



Tale of the Allergist's Wife -- 7/12 - 7/27

Marjorie Taub is your stereotypical upper West Side society wife. Married to a successful doctor, her life is a nonstop whirl within the arts world: meeting artists at the Whitney, high profile openings at the Met, and performances at BAM. Marjorie's seen and done it all, but a mid-life crisis is just waiting to happen. When an old childhood friend suddenly reappears in Manhattan, Marjorie is shaken out of her safe and staid world and into experiences she never expected. Produced by Bowie Community Theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays. For tickets, visit www.BCTheatre.com or 301-805-0219.



All performances are at the Bowie Playhouse, located in Whitmarsh Park, 16500 Whitmarsh Park Drive. For ticket sales and information about the theater groups, please contact the theater companies directly. The City of Bowie does not handle the Box Office. All theater groups now offer online tickets for shows.

Rain Gardens: An Attractive, Eco-Friendly Alternative to Traditional Landscaping

We've just entered summer, but it's not too late to think about new landscaping. Traditional landscaping, while generally quite aesthetically-pleasing, can require extensive maintenance and significant watering during dry spells. All too often landscaped areas are filled with non-native species. Rain gardens, on the other hand, can be planted with native plants and flowers that provide equal beauty and color and help protect Bowie's streams.

A rain garden is a shallow depression with native landscaping that collects the first inch or so of rain runoff from your roof downspout, walkway, driveway, or other hard surfaces. The water in a properly designed and functioning rain garden will slowly infiltrate into the ground instead of being delivered to the storm drain system all at once. Complete drainage of a properly maintained rain garden takes about 24 hours, virtually eliminating any potential for mosquito breeding. With their ever-growing popularity, rain gardens are among the easiest and most cost effective ways to reduce residential stormwater pollution. Rain gardens decrease the need for watering and fertilizing, create habitat for butterflies and birds, increase curb appeal, and can increase groundwater recharge by up to 30% more than the same area of conventional lawn. Of course they also decrease the amount of polluted runoff to the street and storm drain system, which is frequently delivered to local streams without treatment!

It is important to note that rain gardens are not suitable for every yard, and specific design, planting and maintenance requirements should be followed to ensure proper functioning. Various state, federal and private agencies provide grant funding that may cover up to the full cost of construction/installation. For more information on rain gardens, attend the workshop on August 8 (at right) or contact the City's Watershed Manager Tiffany Wright at twright@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3043.

Save the Date! Rain Garden Workshop

On Thursday, **August 8** at 7 p.m., the Bowie Gardens for Wildlife (BG4W) Habitat Team and the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center (EFC) will host an educational workshop on rain gardens at the All Saints Lutheran Church (ASLC) on Mount Oak Road.

The presentation will answer questions like what is a rain garden, how do you install one, how can you plan for a low-maintenance rain garden, and how can you certify your property as a National Wildlife Federation (NWF) habitat using your rain garden? The workshop will be part presentation and part site walk, weather permitting, to apply information presented and visit ASLC's rain garden. The featured speaker is Amanda Katherine Rockler, a Watershed Restoration Specialist with Sea Grant Extension and all-around rain garden expert.

This workshop is the result of a partnership between the BG4W Habitat Team and the EFC. With funding support from the Maryland Watershed Assistance Collaborative, the EFC is working with the City to promote stormwater awareness and is conducting a study to explore options for financing Bowie's stormwater program and help the City comply with its new State stormwater permit.

To date, ASLC is the only "community" site in Bowie that meets NWF's requirements for a certified wildlife habitat. Bowie needs at least six community sites to qualify, along with other requirements, to become a Certified Community Wildlife Habitat.

Questions about the workshop? Email the BG4W Habitat Team at bowiegardens4wildlife@yahoo.com.



Bowie Youth and Family Services

Bowie Youth and Family Services (BYFS) serves the community well as evidenced by the following comments expressed by clients: "So helpful, a great resource for families,"... "Thank you for this program,"... "We could not have done better anywhere,"... "Bowie Youth and Family Services made a huge difference in my life."

Bowie Youth and Family Services offers counseling for families with school-age children living in the home. Groups are offered on a variety of topics, including those who want guidance with parenting skills, social skills for young children, high school aged teen girls group, or parenting children with ADHD.

COST: Families and individuals residing within the corporate limits of the City of Bowie will be charged \$20 per session and those who reside outside the City limits will be charged \$30.

STAFF: 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.

REFERRALS: 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 (13-17 years old) can go online or call **301-809-3033** for an application to sign up to help citizens with jobs like baby-sitting, snow shoveling, lawn and yard work and housework. Residents can call **301-809-3033** to get names of teens who are willing to help you for a fee.

BYFS is located at the Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive, Bowie, MD 20715, 301-809-3033.

Teens and Volunteer Adults Enjoy the Benefits of Mentoring

All youth have the potential to succeed in life and contribute to society. However, not all young people get the support they need to thrive. Mentoring is the presence of caring individuals who, along with parents or guardians, provide young people with support, advice, friendship, reinforcement and constructive examples. Mentoring can and does help young people succeed, no matter what their circumstances!

The Bowie Youth & Family Services Teen Mentoring Program (TMP) at Bowie High School seeks to match students with a caring adult volunteer mentor for the 2013-2014 academic year. Mentors and teens meet weekly during the school day; both voluntarily participate and contribute to the success of the program.

Mentoring works! The TMP invites caring adults to apply to be mentors if you are willing to: make a commitment to a teen for the school year; meet weekly with a teen; agree to an interview and security screening; and, attend initial mentor training and occasional follow-up trainings.

To apply, contact TMP coordinator Rhonda Simon at 301-809-3033 or Prevention Coordinator Andra Berry at 301-809-3080 or mentor@cityofbowie.org.

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

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| 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 Winstons
<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 more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Comcast Service Office

Effective July 1, 2013, the Comcast Service Office, located in the Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive will close on Saturdays. The Office will continue to be open Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Residents wishing to do business with Comcast on Saturday may visit their Lanham Office, 9609 Annapolis Road, Lanham, MD or their Largo Service Office at 9315 Largo Drive West, Largo MD. Both the Lanham and Largo locations are open during the following hours:

- Monday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Tuesday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Wednesday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Thursday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Friday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Fighting the Good Fight

Here at the Parks & Grounds office, I have had many calls about diseased trees this season. So, I thought I might convey some explanation in this brief article.

Conditions have been perfect this spring for a severe outbreak of leaf diseases. The most common of these diseases is anthracnose, which commonly attacks sycamores, dogwoods, and others. The fungus overwinters in cankers from previous infections, and produces spores in the spring that are dispersed by rainfall to young developing shoots. Symptoms include shoot dieback and blighted (browning, curled, dying) leaves that usually run along the veins. In addition to the amount of rainfall, the severity of the disease is affected by spring temperatures during bud break through leaf development. If the average daily temperature at this critical time is below 55 degrees, anthracnose infections will be severe. Conditions were so favorable this spring that even London plane trees (a cross between American sycamore and Oriental plane tree), which are reported to be resistant to sycamore anthracnose, are showing significant dieback. Remember, resistance does not mean immunity – when environmental conditions are very favorable for the pathogen, some disease will develop in a resistant or treated plants.

What can be done? Sanitation, that is raking fallen leaves and twigs and pruning out cankered branches back to healthy wood, can help to reduce the amount of reinfection. Infected sycamores will often develop new foliage later in the spring to take the place of the initial growth lost to anthracnose. When temperatures get to be warmer, conditions become unfavorable for this disease to develop on this new growth.

So, hang in there, and we will all hope for a good recovery for these damaged trees. Feel free to contact me at 301-809-3061 or rkellner@cityofbowie.org with any questions or concerns. Have a great summer season! Rick Kellner, Community Forester



Single Stream Recycling Reminder

All recyclables are collected by one full-size refuse truck from one recycling container. You may put all of your papers, cardboard, junk mail, catalogs (tied in bundles or put in bags so that they don't blow around) and phone books into your recycling bin with your glass, cans and plastics. And if you need larger containers (maximum 50 pounds when filled) you may use any container, just mark it **RECYCLE** and place it at the curb by 7 a.m. on your pickup day.

Just about all plastics are now collected – soft or rigid; margarine/yogurt/sour cream containers; bottles, cups, milk jugs, toys, lawn furniture, and plastic bags tied up (to prevent them from blowing around).

Styrofoam, motor oil, chemical bottles, plates and utensils are **NOT** accepted.

Recycling helps save the planet and saves all City residents a minimum of \$50 per ton in landfill costs.

*For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.
Thank you for recycling!*

Mosquito Control Program Underway

The City’s 2013 Mosquito Control Program began with spring larviciding in March. The regular season began in April 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
Dixon Crossing	Covington
Fairview	Devonshire
Fletchertown Road	Enfield Chase
Foxhill	Ensleigh
Forest Drive	Essington
Glenridge	Evergreen Estates
Grady’s Walk	Glen Allen
Highbridge Park	Governor’s Green
Hillmeade Station Addition	Greystone
Huntington	Grovehurst
Huntington Crest	Heather Hills
Idlewild	Lake Village Manor
Kenilworth	Longleaf
Long Ridge	Mitchellville Rd. Townhouses
Meadowbrook	Mitchellville East
Meadowbrook Townhouses	Northview
Northridge	Oak Pond
Old Chapel Estates	Oaktree
Olde Stage	Palisades
Overbrook	Patuxent Overlook
Princeton Square	Peach Preserve
Race Track Rd. Townhouses	Pointer Ridge North
Rockledge	Pointer Ridge South
Rolling Hills	Ridgeview Townhouses
Saddlebrook	Tall Oaks
Saddlebrook West	Tall Oaks Crossing
Somerset	Ternberry
Spring Meadows	Vistas
Stewart’s Landing	Woodmore Estates
Sumner Chase	Woodmore Highlands
Tulip Grove	
Victoria Heights	
Westview	
Whitehall	
Yorktown	

Code Corner

The Code Compliance staff investigates many violations of the Bowie City Code. The following is a list of the most commonly reported violations:

- The grass was not mowed. Grass and weeds are over 8 inches high.
- The lawns and yards are not maintained. There is trash, litter, dead trees and overgrown shrubs in the yard.
- Miscellaneous items and materials stored outside.
- Exterior home defects such as peeling paint, rotting wood, missing shutters and fallen gutters.
- An inoperative vehicle parked on a residential lot. Often the vehicle is damaged, has missing parts, flat tires or is not displaying valid tags.
- A vehicle parked on the grass.
- A commercial vehicle parked on the street or on a residential lot. The vehicle has advertising, lettering over four inches in height, over 300 cubic feet of load space, or has dual rear wheels and is used for commercial purposes.
- A motor vehicle or trailer parked on a street for more than 72 hours without being moved one vehicle length.
- Recycling bins or trash cans left at the curb after pickup or placed at the curb before 5 p.m. the day before their scheduled pickup. Refuse receptacles stored in front of the house.
- Building materials, signs and portable basketball hoops placed in the street or within the public right of ways.

To report a possible Code violation, please contact the City's Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 or dmichelle@cityofbowie.org.

Concerns may also be reported using the **Service Request** function found on the left column of the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org.

Bowie Farmer's Market

The Bowie Farmer's Market is now in full swing! Market patrons will find various types of fresh fruits, vegetables, breads, baked goods, jams, candies, ice cream, kettle corn, herbs, fresh-cut flowers, bedding plants and more at this "Producers-Only" market. The Farmer's Market is open **Sundays, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**, through October 27, 2013. The Market operates in the parking lot of the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts at Bowie High School, 15200 Annapolis Road. For more information, please contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Upcoming Special Events

July 7 "Community Day" Equipment demonstrations from local FIRE, EMS, POLICE, and Animal Control ; FREE shaved ice, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

August 11 "Corn Roast" Come by and enjoy free corn on the cob fresh off the grill, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

September 15 "Agriculture Awareness Day" Farm animal petting zoo, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

October 27 "Octoberfest" Free scarecrow making (participants supply a long-sleeved shirt and trousers). Free pumpkin painting (pumpkins available for purchase at market), 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.



News of the City Museums



Mark Your Calendar

Horsing Around - Time Travelers

Monday, July 1, 10:30 a.m. at Belair Stable. Young historians are invited to enjoy stable history, fun and a craft. Ages 4-12. No reservations required. Free.

Kids Kaboose at Bowie Railroad Station Museum

Tuesdays, July 16 and August 20, 10:30 a.m. Railroad fun and games for youngsters ages 1-12. Free.

It's Not All On the Wall - Time Travelers

Thursday, July 18, 10:30 a.m. at Belair Mansion. A look at ALL kinds of art at Belair Mansion - not just the pictures! Ages 4-12. No reservations required. Free.

Living by the Railroad - Time Travelers

Thursday, August 1, 10:30 a.m. at Railroad Museum. Explore Bowie's railroad history. Ages 4-12. No reservations required. Free.

Mrs. Rumney's Housewifery School

Monday, August 12, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Young ladies (and gentlemen if desired) may enroll in Mrs. Rumney's school to learn the arts and mysteries of housekeeping. Lunch, refreshments and a take home craft are included. Ages 6-11. \$15 per child. Reservations required (limited reservations).

Rochambeau's March Through Bowie

Saturday, August 24, 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Join the City of Bowie Museums in a celebration of Count Rochambeau's march to Yorktown at the end of the Revolution. Men, wagons, horses, and over 2,000 oxen marched past (and commented on!) Belair Mansion on their way to defeat the British. Reenactors, crafts persons, and a ladies sewing circle. Free.

Radio and Television Museum Enjoy vintage broadcasts at the Museum during open hours over the summer months.

For information on these, or any museum programs, 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.*

Senior Services Overview

The Bowie Senior Center provides a wide variety of educational and recreational programs and services for the active adult 55 years of age and older.

Chorale Registration

July 5 - 25

Space is limited and new members will be put on a wait list until notification of acceptance. The registration fee is \$25 for residents and \$30 for nonresidents. Senior Chorale rehearsals begin Thursday, August 8, 2013.

Zumba Gold

Zumba Gold takes fitness to the next level using Latin dance music. A new session begins the **week of July 8**. Join us for one of two classes, **Mondays, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.** or **Tuesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.** Register at the front desk. The cost is \$33 for residents and \$39 for nonresidents.

Belly Dancing Workshop

Friday, July 12

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Workshop will provide an improved sense of well-being along with good exercise! A \$10 registration fee is due by July 5.



Facebook Class

Wednesday July 17, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Join Cindy Freland for Facebook for Seniors. You will learn how to set up a personal account, and about the benefits and privacy issues of Facebook. The fee is \$12. Please register at the front desk by Wednesday, July 10.

Medicare Educational Seminar

Wednesday, August 7, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

A 30-40 minute session covers different parts of Medicare and coverage options. A 20 minute state-specific Medicare session covers Medicare options and AARP plans available in the State. A question and answer session will follow. A film screening will follow the seminar. Sign-up is required at the front desk.

Pizza and a Program - Summer Intergenerational Fun

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.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter

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

Independence Day

*Thursday, July 4, 2013
City offices closed. No refuse or recycling collection.*

National Night Out

*Tuesday, August 6, 2013
6 - 8 p.m., Allen Pond Park*

10th Annual Back to School Bash

*Saturday, August 17, 2013
10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Bowie Gymnasium*

Labor Day

*Monday, September 2, 2013
City offices closed. No refuse or recycling collection.*

**Taking Steps To Be Prepared for
Medical Emergencies**

Being prepared for emergencies means not only having water and flashlights handy when a storm knocks out power to your home, it can also mean having some basic medical knowledge to help a loved one in the first critical minutes of a medical emergency.

Investing a small amount of time to learn CPR or first aid can reap huge benefits. CPR can mean the difference between life and death for a victim of sudden cardiac arrest. Sudden cardiac arrest can be caused by heart attack, submersion/near-drowning, trauma, respiratory arrest, stroke and drug overdose. The Bowie Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) has made CPR training one of its important outreach priorities. The Department regularly offers a 4 - 6 hour course in CPR to interested members of the Bowie community at the Pointer Ridge Fire Station.

To register for a class, contact bowiecpr@gmail.com or 301-390-8255. A small registration fee is requested to cover BVFD costs. For more information, visit the BVFD website at www.bowievfd.org.