

Bowie Spotlight

The Official Newsletter of the City of Bowie

January - February 2012

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we celebrate the New Year, we should take a brief moment to recall 2011. We lost some great friends but we welcomed a new generation as well. Our families continue to grow, our students continue to do well, our social, fraternal, and religious groups continue to serve with incredible dedication, and our City continues to move toward a positive future. That speaks well for our entire community.

The year 2011 has not been without challenges: We experienced the storms of nature and the challenges of the national and State economy. We have seen our military families make incredible sacrifices for us and for our nation; we have seen our neighbors engaged in our public safety agencies work effectively under difficult circumstances; and of course, we have benefited from the continued level of outstanding service of the wonderful folks that make up City staff.

While we all recognize that Bowie is the sum of many different parts we also recognize – without doubt – that it remains the best community in the region to live, to work and to raise a family.

On behalf of the entire City Council and a dedicated City staff, we offer everyone best wishes for a great holiday season and a healthy new year. As always, we remind you to take a moment during this wonderful season to remember the men and women serving in our military all over the world and particularly those serving in harm's way. May they all return home safely and soon.

G. Frederick Robinson, Mayor

Bowie's Hall of Honor Accepting Nominations

In 1991, the Hall of Honor was developed to recognize those citizens of Bowie who have made “major and lasting contributions” to the City. The first inductees were honored in 1994.

A nominee to the Hall of Honor must: be deceased for at least one year as of the nomination deadline; have made both a major and lasting contribution to the City of Bowie; have been a resident of the City of Bowie either during the time of their contribution or at the time of their death.

Past inductees include Robert V. Setera. Mr. Setera spearheaded the annual Bowiefest, which is now a staple in the City's recreational events calendar. Volunteering in organizations from the YMCA to the Color Guard Judges Association, Mr. Setera was dedicated to community service. His contributions were an example to his neighbors, friends and family.

Another inductee, Malcolm C. “Skip” Popp, was a tireless scouting volunteer. Along with some other fathers in the community, Mr. Popp organized the first Cub Scout Pack at Buckingham Elementary School in 1965. His final service to the community came through a tragedy as he drowned rescuing one of his scouts from the rough waters of the Shenandoah River's South Fork.

Once a nomination is received, forms and information are passed on to the City's Community Outreach Committee for review. The Committee then sends their recommendations to the City Council for final approval. Once an honoree is approved, a reception is held in the inductee's honor and a plaque is hung in the lobby of City Hall.

The deadline to submit nominations for the 2012 Hall of Honor induction is **5 p.m. Friday, February 10, 2012** at City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716.

For more information, contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org. Nomination forms are available at www.cityofbowie.org.

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News From the City Forester

Year 2011 passed with blazing speed. I am looking forward to a fresh new start in 2012 particularly concerning "green" things and a new planting and growing season. Like with so many things in life, planning helps one to achieve success...and so it is with our lawns and landscape be it public or private property. So, here are a few pointers and tasks for early starters:

- Winter and early spring are good times to clear excessive leaves and other debris away from lawns and shrub beds.
- Edging beds and tree rings with a spade and mulching to a depth of 2-3" with a good quality shredded hardwood bark mulch will beautify your landscape, keep weeds to a minimum, and help retain moisture in the root zone. Be careful not to overdo it and do take care not to pile mulch up on the trunks and/or stems of any plants.
- Many plants are particular about when they like to be pruned, but many others can be pruned any time. Dead or dying branches can be removed any time, for example, and selective pruning of low branches or misshapen plant parts can be done as well.
- As long as the ground is not frozen, lime can be applied to lawn areas in order to adjust the pH (acidity/alkalinity) of the soil. You should have your soil tested, which will yield not only the results of pH and other nutrient factors, but it will also provide recommendations for applications.
- Take some time to look through some books and/or websites if you are considering renovating your landscape or just adding a few plants. Pay attention to specifications for plants regarding mature size, soil requirements, moisture requirements, light/shade requirements, etc. Additionally, consider using a "native" plant species in that they most often do well in their native habitat, and these plants often encourage the livelihood of our beautiful bird and butterfly population in this area.

Don't be afraid to get creative and dream a little bit this winter and spring about what could be in your yard landscaping-wise. It's work, but it's fun ... and the rewards can provide years of beauty and pleasure in your own backyard! Go get green! Rick Kellner, Community Forester

Christmas Trees

Trees will be picked up every **Wednesday in January** with yard waste. Please make sure all lights and decorations are removed from the tree. Place your tree at the curb by 7 a.m.

Yard Waste - Leaves, Branches and Grass

Yard waste recycling is mandatory in the City of Bowie. Yard waste is collected every Wednesday throughout the year. Place all yardwaste curbside, bagged and/or bundled, by 7 a.m. each Wednesday.

Winter Weather Reminder

With winter here, please remember to remove your vehicles from the street if snow or ice is in the forecast. This will allow plows and/or salt and sand vehicles to more thoroughly treat your street.

A Snow Emergency is declared whenever snow reaches a depth of two (2) inches. All vehicles must be removed from City streets during a Snow Emergency. The City begins plowing when the snow depth reaches two (2) inches. All main drives, hills and collector streets are treated and/or plowed first. Plowing continues until all streets have been cleared.

In the event of a snowfall of less than two (2) inches, all main drives, hills and collector streets are treated with salt and/or sand. Streets and cul-de-sacs that are flat or have only slight inclines with limited intersections are only treated in extreme icing conditions. Extreme icing conditions exist when ALL areas are coated with ice. An example would be an extended freezing rain event that coats roads, trees and power lines – often referred to as ice storms. During a snow or ice event only, it is acceptable to park your vehicle on your grass.

Each business and resident is responsible for removing snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of their property. To report hazardous conditions within the City of Bowie, please call 301-809-2344. More information about the City's snow removal program may be found on the City's website - www.cityofbowie.org/snow.



Please Keep the Sidewalks Clean and Safe

With snow inevitable this season, please keep in mind shoveling the sidewalks so people can get to their destinations safely. Removal of accumulated snow or ice on the sidewalks is required within 48 hours after the cessation of falling snow. If you have a sidewalk in front of your home or business, it is your responsibility to clear it. If your property is on a corner, you may have sidewalks in the front, on the side, or even along the back. Don't forget to clear them all!

If you know your neighbor is out of town or incapable of clearing the sidewalk, please assist them so schoolchildren and pedestrians can get through safely. We appreciate your hard work to keep the sidewalks clean and safe this winter season.

Bowie's Leash Law - Protecting Your Pet

The City of Bowie and Prince George's County have "Leash Laws". A "Leash Law" is enacted to protect your pet and to protect others from your pet. A dog or cat not under proper restraint and control may attack another animal, chase a pedestrian, come into harms way by crossing a busy street or run away. There can be serious consequences if your pet is not leashed.

A pet is considered "at large" when it is off the owner's property and not secured by a leash or not confined within a vehicle, another home or the fenced area of the City's Dog Park. A pet "at large" is considered a public nuisance and may be impounded immediately. The owner or custodian of a pet running at large is subject to a fifty dollar (\$50) fine for the violation of Chapter 4 of the Bowie City Code. An owner may also be responsible for any civil damages incurred by their dog or cat running at large. Please protect your pet. Keep your companion pet leashed when not within the confines of your yard or home.

Protecting Your Pet During Winter Months

The cold weather conditions of winter require additional care to be given to a companion pet that is placed outside. These additional conditions include:

- Adequate water. The water bowl must be regularly replenished and the water must be kept from freezing.
- Adequate food. Ensure the pet food is kept from freezing and is in sufficient quantity for the size of your pet.
- Adequate shelter and space. All animals kept out of doors for extended periods of time must have a weatherproof shelter. The animal must be able to stand to its full height and turn around. The structure must be wind and rainproof. It must have a solid floor that is raised at least two (2) inches off the ground. Nonabsorbent bedding must also be provided.
- Adequate exercise. Even during the cold winter days, pets need exercise.
- Adequate care. This includes veterinary care. Have your veterinarian give your pet a winter checkup. A healthy pet can tolerate the winter elements better than a pet that is unhealthy. Check on your pet more frequently when it is outdoors. Keep your pet indoors when you are able to.

For additional information, please contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002 or tdodge@cityofbowie.org.

Bowie Youth Chorus

Registration begins in January 2012 for the Bowie Youth Chorus, under the co-direction of Eleanor Minor and Maryann Jenkins. The rehearsals will be on Thursday afternoons from 5:30 to 7 p.m at the Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive. Young people in grades 5 through 8 who live in Bowie or who attend Bowie's public or private schools and young people who are home-schooled are invited to join the Youth Chorus. There is no audition, just come one, come all.

Registration forms will be available online or parents can register their young people at the Department of Community Services window at City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning in January. The Youth Chorus begins **Thursday, February 2.**

Along with the Youth Chorus, a high school performance group, the "Summit Singers", is being started. This group will be an audition-based chorus/show choir. Students wishing to audition will need to prepare a song of their choice for performance and must supply an accompaniment CD (no a cappella singing). Students must also be prepared to vocalize up and down the scale. The Summit Singers are looking for mature, focused students who have a passion for singing performance. Auditions for Summit Singers will take place on February 2 and February 9, 2012, at the Kenhill Center at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Arts Specialist Annette Esterheld at 301-575-5601 or aesterheld@cityofbowie.org.

Art Notes

Art Exhibit

The Bowie Arts Committee is sponsoring an exhibit of artwork that will feature landscapes and scenes of places “**Away From Home**”. Artists are invited to enter artwork that shows life beyond Bowie. The Galleries at Bowie City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road, are located on the second floor and include East Gallery and West Gallery spaces. Below are the rules and regulations for artists who wish to submit artwork for consideration.

Date of jurying: Saturday, **March 3**, 2012

Artwork drop off/pick up: 8:30 - 10 a.m. drop off, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. pick up artwork

What you may enter: Original art and photography with images that reflect the world beyond Bowie

Size of artwork accepted: No less than 16” or greater than 40”, vertically or horizontally

Labeling: All pieces must be labeled with artist’s name, title of work and price.

Eligibility: Any artist residing in Maryland over 18 years of age may submit two (2) images to be juried.

Framing: All entries must be suitably framed with matting and frame in pristine condition. Wiring must be no lower than 2” from the top of the painting and must be taut. All works must be secured by screw hooks and wires.

Sales: All sales will be arranged between the purchaser and the artist. No commission will be collected by the City of Bowie.

Jurors: City of Bowie Arts Committee

Arts Grants

The Arts Committee recently awarded a total of **\$4,000** in Arts Grants to two arts groups. The grant criteria include a stipulation that the winning grantees provide an arts opportunity for the Bowie community. The two are:

Annapolis Shakespeare Company: The monies requested are to help support a production of William Shakespeare’s “Comedy of Errors” at the Bowie Playhouse in August 2012. Despite the Annapolis name, over half of the high school students in the program are from Bowie. The Annapolis Shakespeare Company plans to provide the community with an opportunity to experience classic theater. The Annapolis Shakespeare Company is one of the resident companies at the Bowie Playhouse.

Bowie Community Theatre: The grant to Bowie Community Theatre will help the theatre company with costs associated with the production of their spring show “Arts.” BCT is the longest running company at the Bowie Playhouse and is an original resident company there. BCT has been providing quality theatre to Bowie audiences for nearly 50 years.

*For more information about these items, please contact
Arts Specialist Annette Esterheld at
aesterheld@cityofbowie.org or 301-575-5601.*

Code Corner

First Time Landlords and Tenants

Bowie has seen an increase in the number of single family rental properties with a significant increase of questions and concerns from first time landlords and new tenants. There are several precautions you should take before you rent.

- Get to know your landlord or tenant. Conduct an interview and review the rental application.
- Prepare a written lease and thoroughly understand the lease before you sign. Know your responsibilities! The lease is a civil contract between the two parties. The City does not participate in the enforcement of this civil contract.
- The landlord and tenant should conduct a walk-through of the property. Both the landlord and tenant should note the current condition of the property. Agree on any outstanding issues or concerns before occupancy. Digital photographs may be beneficial.
- If the rental property is not owner occupied, make sure a City rental license has been issued.
- Communication is very important between the landlord and tenant. If a disagreement should occur, attempt to settle the matter amongst yourselves. If the matter can not be resolved, mediation or civil litigation may be necessary.

For more information on Landlord – Tenant issues, consult the District Court of Maryland website at www.courts.state.md.us/district/selfhelp/housing.html or contact City Code Compliance Officer Dennis Murphy at 301-809-3005 or fmurphy@cityofbowie.org.

Warning to Those Placing Signs Along Maryland State Highways

Real estate, nonprofit groups, advertisers, commercial businesses, junk auto dealers and others should be aware that signs placed within Maryland State Highways right-of-ways, without authority from the State Highway Administration, are illegal and are subject to City enforcement action.

The Maryland General Assembly recently passed legislation granting municipalities certain enforcement rights over the placement of illegal signs within the right-of-ways of State Highways. This legislation gives the City of Bowie the authority to:

- Immediately remove and destroy illegally placed signs; and
- Effective February 21, 2012, the City may impose a fee of \$25 per sign for illegally placed signs.

The City's sign removal program for signs placed within State Highways right-of-ways is located on the City's website - www.cityofbowie.org/StaffReports/2011/1121_R73_St_ROW_Sign_Removal_Prog.pdf.

For additional information, please contact Code Compliance Supervisor Steve Roberts at 301-575-5600 or sroberts@cityofbowie.org.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Art Contest

The City is sponsoring its annual contest for school-aged children to encourage them to learn about the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

There are three contest categories: kindergarten through second graders can compete in a coloring contest; third through fifth graders can enter a poster competition; and middle school and high school students (grades 6-12) can compete in a photography contest.

Contest details and rules are posted on the City's website - www.cityofbowie.org - and were sent to local schools in November. Cash prizes of \$25, \$50 and \$100 will be awarded to the winners in each category.

The deadline for submission of entries is Friday, **January 6, 2012**. Finalists will be selected in January and winners will be announced in February.

For more information about the contest, call 301-809-3032 or email ucooper@cityofbowie.org.

Education Grants Awarded

Congratulations to the winners of the 2011 - 2012 Grants for Education! Eighteen projects were selected to receive funding. This year's winners represent nine different schools and will receive funds totaling \$12,374. Projects vary greatly in their purposes, but all offer enrichment for student learning experiences at their schools. This year's winners are:

Grant Title	School
Make It Take It	Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center
Music Hath Charm	Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center
Caterpillar Metamorphosis	Grace Christian School
Math Makes Sense	Grace Christian School
Reading Rocks	Heather Hills Elementary School
Young Architects	Heather Hills Elementary School
Reading is Power	Holy Trinity Day School
Tech Savvy Scientists	Holy Trinity Day School
Ways of the Bay	Holy Trinity Day School
Clay Tile Mural	Northview Elementary School
Recess Equipment	Rockledge Elementary School
Student Behavior Rocks	Rockledge Elementary School
Titanic	Rockledge Elementary School
Above All Others	Tall Oaks High School
Online Novel	Whitehall Elementary School
Community Garden	Yorktown Elementary School
Literary Book	Yorktown Elementary School
Mobile Science Lab	Yorktown Elementary School



Teachers of the Month



As a way to recognize the wonderful teachers who educate Bowie students, the Teacher of the Month program was instituted several years ago. City residents, parents, students, teachers and other school staff have the opportunity to say "Thank You" to a special teacher. Teacher selected are recognized by the City Council and are presented with a certificate, a \$100 savings bond, and a special lunch with their principal, courtesy of Main Street Catering.

Teachers at the following schools are eligible: 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.

Nominations are accepted on a rolling basis at any time. Information is available at the above schools, on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org, or at City Hall. For more information, contact Annette Esterheld, liaison to the Education Committee, at 301-575-5601 or aesterheld@cityofbowie.org.

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.

Arts and Education Scholarships

The City will again offer Excellence in Education and Arts Scholarships for graduating high school seniors. Scholarship applications will be sent to high schools attended by Bowie students during the month of February.

Schools are asked to nominate high school seniors who are City residents and who meet the eligibility criteria for the Excellence in Education Scholarships. Students must live within the corporate limits of the City and have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5. Interested individuals can also contact their guidance counselors at the school to express interest in being considered for nomination. The schools will provide applications for the students they nominate.

The City Arts Scholarships require that the student live within the corporate limits of the City and have a cumulative 3.0 grade point average. Students must be planning to major in a visual or performing art field to qualify. Arts Scholarship applications may be obtained at the high schools or on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org.

The application deadline for both scholarships is Monday, **March 19, 2012**. For more information, contact your high school guidance departments in February 2012 or Arts and Education Committee Liaison Annette Esterheld at 301-575-5601 or aesterheld@cityofbowie.org.

Community Outreach Grants Awarded

The Community Outreach Committee (COC) received five (5) applications for the City's FY 2012 Outreach Grants. The areas of need that would be addressed for the target populations include assistance for school readiness and early childhood science education enhancement. As usual, the projects presented worthwhile and somewhat unique ideas. A subcommittee of the COC spent much time in reviewing and carefully evaluating the applications, ensuring that the best decision was made as to which projects received the \$8,000 in funding that was made available for these grants.

The following three organizations are the grant recipients this year:

Belair Cooperative Nursery School

(\$4,365) – The awarded funds will offset some of the costs associated with the addition of a third classroom for the nursery school. Specifically, it will cover the increased rent and additional supplies needed for the larger number of students who will be served.

Bowie Junior First Lego League

(\$3,356.64) – This program serves children ages 6 to 9, for "Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology". Participants learn, in a fun engaging way, problem solving, team collaboration and presentation skills through engineering. The awarded funds provide for the expansion of the program from 6 to 20 students. The funds will cover program materials, registration fees, summer camp costs, facility rental and a laptop computer.

Christ Community Church: "Back to School Send-Off 2012" (\$278.36) – This program promotes education by providing school supplies for children in need, especially for families who are facing financial challenges due to the current economic downturn. Funds will be used to purchase backpacks and school supplies.

Welcome Deputy Chief Preston

Dwayne A. Preston is the new Deputy Chief of the Bowie Police Department.

Mr. Preston joins the City after 21 years with the Prince George's County Police Department. He has a wide array of experience in police operations, having moved up through the ranks; beginning as a patrol officer, and serving as Community Oriented Policing Coordinator, Lieutenant Commander, Major Narcotics Section, Assistant Commander Criminal Investigations Division, and Commander of District VI (Beltsville). Most recently, he served as Deputy Chief for the Bureau of Administration within the County Police Department. In this capacity he was responsible for Personnel, the Training Academy, Fiscal Management and Risk Management and the supervision of Commanders of the Criminal Investigations, Narcotic Enforcement, Forensic Services and Special Investigations Divisions.

Mr. Preston graduated from DeMatha Catholic High School and holds a BS in Accounting from Bowie State University and a MBA from the University of Maryland, University College. We welcome him to the City of Bowie!

2012 Bike to Work Day

Save the Date!

Friday, May 18, 2012

Gear up for Bike to Work Day 2012! It is 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. Registration information and Bowie Pit Stop locations will be in the next *Bowie Spotlight*.



You Did It Again, Bowie! Stream Cleanup Number Eight Was A Success

Bowie residents, once again, showed dedication to their community on Saturday, October 15, 2011, when they joined together to collect trash and recycling from their neighborhood streams. Eight different streams were cleaned by a total of 182 volunteers. These dedicated volunteers removed over 1,000 pounds of trash and nearly 1,200 pounds of recycling, barely seven weeks after a hurricane and a tropical storm blew through the City and washed away much of the litter that was there.

If you have never attended one of our cleanups, you are missing a great opportunity to get out with family and friends and experience nature while working to protect Bowie’s important natural resources. We would love to have you, your church group, civic association or homeowners’ association, or your class join us. We provide volunteers with all necessary supplies and a thank you gift! You will likely never think about streams the same way again.

If you want to join our volunteers in April 2012 for our next cleanup, please contact the City’s Watershed Manager, Tiffany Wright, at twright@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3043. Prince George’s County public school students can receive service learning hours for participating. Scouts that participate will receive a Green Bowie patch or year bar.

We look forward to seeing everyone on April 21st, just in time for Earth Day!

Join the City’s “Green Team”

With approval of Resolution R-66-11 in September, the City Council began the process of forming a community-wide “Green Team” under the “Sustainable Maryland Certified” program. The City is looking to build a team of action-oriented individuals representing a wide range of interests and organizations within the City. If you are interested in participating, please contact Joe Meinert, Director of Planning and Economic Development, at 301-809-3047 or jmeinert@cityofbowie.org by the end of January.

*All residents are invited to take the 5-minute, 13-question environmental awareness survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/bowiegreenteam.

Help us in charting Bowie’s “green” future!

Challenge Yourself With Our “Recycling Quiz”

You recycle so much stuff each week that even your new big Bowie recycling cart can barely hold it all. What more can you do?

Answer: See www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie.



Bowie Ice Arena

301-809-3090



Birthday Parties on Ice Have your next birthday party on ice at the Bowie Ice Arena. Party package includes: admission, skate rental, pizza, soda and the private party room for a two-hour public session. The fee for City of Bowie residents is \$150 for up to 10 people. Parties book quickly, so please call the Ice Arena to check availability. For additional information, see the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org (select Leisure Activities).

Group Lessons Series 3 Group Lessons will begin February 2, 2012. Registration will be held January 19-30 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. at the Ice Arena. Registration must be made in person by a parent or legal guardian. Classes are offered for children as young as 18 months of age through adults. There are special discounts for beginners, homeschool skaters and families. Space is limited so register early. Private lessons are also available. Please call 301-809-3090 for further information.

Public Session Schedule The Ice Arena offers daily public skating. Please view the monthly calendar at www.cityofbowie.org (select Leisure Activities). Group rates, family session discounts and disc jockey sessions are offered monthly. For more information, call the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090.

Public Skating Schedule

Sunday	2 - 4 p.m. *Family
Monday	9 - 11 a.m., 12 - 2 p.m. and 2:15 - 4:15 p.m.
Tuesday	9 - 11 a.m., 1 - 3 p.m. and 3:15 - 4:45 p.m.
Wednesday	9 - 11 a.m. and 1:45 - 3:45 p.m.
Thursday	9 - 11 a.m., 12 - 2 p.m., and 2:15 - 4:15 p.m.
Friday	9 - 11 a.m., 12 - 2 p.m., 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. *Family, and 9 - 11 p.m. *DJ
Saturday	1 - 3 p.m.

*Family Session - Admission for up to five (5) family members is \$12 plus skate rental.

DJ Session - Every Friday night is a Disc Jockey Session. The fee is \$8 and includes admission, skate rental and the disc jockey.

Admission Rates:

Adult	\$5.00
Child (under 16)	\$4.50
Skate Rental	\$3.00

2 For 1 Admission to a Regular Public Session

Bowie Ice Arena

Not valid with any other discount or offer.
Not Valid during DJ Session.

Expires 2/28/12

\$5 Off Series 3 Group Lesson Registration

Bowie Ice Arena

Not valid with any other discount or offer.
One coupon per family.

Expires 1/30/12

Bowie Youth & Family Services

Bowie Youth and Family Services (BYFS) offers counseling for families with children living in the home who are under the age of 18. 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. BYFS staff is composed of master and doctoral level clinicians with extensive training in family counseling plus professionals in the field of community outreach and program development. Families are encouraged to call **301-809-3033** for more information or to make an appointment. An initial intake will be done either by phone or in person.

Teen Job Bank Workers

Teens: We have updated the list of teens available on the Teen Job Bank. Applicants who joined the Job Bank within the past few months remain on the list. We have tried to reach by telephone or email all other teens who applied to the Job Bank before the summer of 2011. Those who did not respond have been deleted from the Teen Job Bank list. If you wish to remain on our Teen Job Bank teen list but were unable to respond to an email or phone call to inform Bowie Youth and Family Services, please submit a new Teen Job Bank application.

Residents: We have many Bowie teens (ages 13-17) looking for jobs. Do you need some help with household or yard chores, babysitting, shopping, computer work or tutoring? Please fill in a Teen Job Bank Resident application which is found on the City's website - www.cityofbowie.org or call Bowie Youth and Family Services at **301-809-3033**.

You can bring Teen and Resident applications to Bowie Youth & Family Services at the Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive, Room 203; fax a signed copy to 301-809-2303; or mail the application to Bowie Youth and Family Services, Bowie City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716.

The Bowie Food Pantry Needs Your Help

Due to the current economy, more and more families are feeling the pinch. The number of families seeking aid from the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund continues to rise. While donations during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season were greater than ever, soon the shelves will be bare again as the donations do not keep up with the need.

Please continue to donate to the Bowie Food Pantry on a regular basis and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to do so as well. The Pantry particularly needs nonperishable food items, but also accepts and distributes toiletries (toothpaste, soap, deodorant), baby items (diapers and wipes), and paper goods (tissues, paper towels and bathroom tissue).

Tax deductible monetary donations are also desired to help with emergency aid as well as to buy and restock shelves with various food items as they run low. Checks may be written to the Bowie Food Pantry and sent to Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry, 3120 Belair Drive, Bowie MD 20715.

The Pantry, located behind the Christian Community Presbyterian Church, is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. Donations can be brought to the Pantry, and a number of other collection points around the City including the Kenhill Center (old City Hall), the Bowie Senior Center and the City Gym. For more information, please contact the Pantry at 301-262-6765 or bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com.

National Anthem and "Voice of Bowie" Auditions

The City will hold open auditions for individuals or groups to perform the National Anthem at City special events and for those interested in being the stage announcer at the Memorial Day Parade, Bowiefest, 4th of July and the International Festival.

Auditions will be held in the Studio at the Kenhill Center (2614 Kenhill Drive) on **Saturday, February 25, 2012** beginning at 10 a.m. for the National Anthem. Participants must be prepared to perform the National Anthem a cappella for a judging panel. Auditions for the Voice of Bowie will begin at approximately 12:30 p.m. Candidates will be asked to read from a prepared script for a judging panel. The chosen performer(s) will be invited to perform at various City-sponsored special events.

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

Bowie Playhouse Presents



MURDER by MISADVENTURE -- 1/13 - 1/28

What happens when two writers who have worked together for years start to hate each other? Together they have won awards and made money. One of the two Harry Kent has saved, invested and now lives with his glamorous wife in a sun-drenched luxury flat high above the Sussex Coast, where the play is set. The other writer Paul Riggs has spent his fees on booze and birds, and he lives in dread of bookies' heavies. Harry wants to break the partnership that is Paul's lifeline, but Paul knows a sinister secret from Harry's past. They are therefore locked together in a dance from which murder seems the only escape and they have just plotted the perfect crime for their latest TV film. Produced by Bowie Community Theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays. For tickets, visit www.BCTtheatre.com or call 301-805-0219.

CRIMES OF THE HEART -- 2/3 - 2/18

Winner of the 1981 Pulitzer Prize and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award, this first play by Beth Henly established her as an author with a major voice in theater. Warm-hearted, irreverent, zany and brilliantly imaginative, the play teems with humanity and humor as it follows the plight of three young Mississippi sisters betrayed by their passion. Produced by Prince George's Little Theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays. Last show is a matinee on Saturday, February 18, 2012. For tickets, call 301-937-745 or visit www.pglt.org.



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

News of the City Museums



Mark Your Calendar

“Eighteenth Century Artifice: Cosmetic Solutions for the Imperfect 18th and 19th Century Man and Woman” Brown Bag Lunch Lecture - Monday, **January 9**, 12 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Bring your lunch and join Museums Curator Samantha Dorsey for a look at make-up, padding and wardrobe – for the well-dressed Early American Citizen. Coffee and tea provided. Free.

“The Early American Dream in Colonial Londontown: A Profile of Stephen West and His Connections, 1700’s Style” Second Tuesday Lecture - Tuesday, **January 10**, 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Rod Cofield, Director of Interpretation and Museum Programs, Historic London Town and Gardens will provide a look at the life and “networking” of an 18th century man. Free (donations accepted).

“The Role of the Associated Press in Radio Journalism” Radio History Society Lecture - Saturday, **January 14**, 2 p.m. at the Radio and Television Museum. Ken Mellgren, NCRTV Board Member, will explore an interesting interface in broadcast media. Free.

Kids Kaboose - Tuesdays, **January 17** and **February 21**, 10:30 a.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad stories and fun for ages 1-11. Free.

Mrs. Ogle’s Winter Sewing Circle - Sunday, **January 22**, 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Enjoy 18th century living history as Mrs. Ogle greets her friends for a winter afternoon of sewing and gossip! Free.

Trains in the Caboose! - Sunday, **February 12**, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Bowie Railroad Museum. Imagine riding the railroad as the NTrack Train Modellers train set up in the Caboose...get into training! Free.

Brown Bag Lunch Lecture - Monday, **February 13**, 12 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Topic to be announced. Bring your lunch; coffee and tea provided. Free.

“Sylvia’s Diary: Unraveling the Mysteries of a Federal-Era Journal” Second Tuesday Lecture Tuesday, **February 14**, 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Alden O’Brien, Curator of Textiles at Washington’s DAR Museum, discusses her fascinating quest for, and her ultimate discovery of, a real person from the past. Free.

“79 Wistful Vista: Fibber McGee and Molly’s Years in Radio” Radio History Society Lecture - Saturday, **February 18**, 2 p.m. at Belair Mansion. The Radio History Society’s Brian Belanger and Ed Walker recall one of the most delightful programs in broadcast history. Free.

For information on these, or any museum program, please call 301-809-3089 or email museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

Hours of Operation

Belair Mansion, Tuesdays through Sundays, 12 - 4 p.m., 12207 Tulip Grove Drive. Free.

Belair Stable Museum, Tuesdays through Sundays, 12 - 4 p.m., 2835 Belair Drive. Free.

Old Town Bowie Welcome Center, Tuesdays - Sundays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 8606 Chestnut Avenue, 301-575-2488. Free.

Bowie Railroad Museum, Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 8614 Chestnut Avenue. Free.

To schedule a group tour of any of the above City Museums, or for more information, please call 301-809-3089.

Radio and Television Museum, Fridays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 1 - 5 p.m., 2608 Mitchellville Road. Free. *To contact this Museum, call 301-390-1020.*

The Prince George’s Genealogical Library, Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. (first Wednesday of the month 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.), 12219 Tulip Grove Drive. Free. *For information, call 301-262-2063 during open hours.*

Senior Services Overview

The Bowie Senior Center provides a wide variety of educational and recreational programs and services that include information and assistance, transportation, and a nutrition program for the active adult 55 years of age and older.

Energy Conservation

**Wednesday, January 4,
12:30 p.m.**

A representative from Baltimore Gas and Electric will present money saving tips on conserving energy. This interactive session will focus on easy and inexpensive energy conservation methods.

Bridge Basics II

**Thursdays,
January 5 - February 9**

The second course in a series for beginning bridge players and those who wish to brush up on the fundamentals of the game. The instructor, Jewel Chapman, is certified through the American Bridge Association, Inc. The cost is \$50 and includes a textbook. For more information, call the Center.



Trains On Display

Ted Tuck's train garden is back at the Center for all to enjoy. Grandparents are encouraged to bring their grandchildren to experience this delightful display!

2012 Wellness Fair

**Wednesday, January 11
10 - 11:30 a.m.**

Focus on ways to improve your health through short lectures on nutrition and exercise. But don't worry, our brains won't be the only thing getting a workout that day! A few simple and effective exercises to get you moving and feeling better will also be featured. Lectures include: 21 Superfoods; Supplement Safety and You; and How to Reduce Risk of Parkinson's and Alzheimer's Disease.

AARP Tax Preparation

Wednesdays, February 8 - April 11

Volunteer tax preparers from AARP will be at the Center. Call the Center 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Monday – Friday to make an appointment.

A Celebration of Friendship

Tuesday, February 14, 12:30 - 2 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the Center's "Membership Appreciation Day". This annual event is an opportunity to celebrate friendship and diversity. There will be live entertainment and light refreshments. Join us!

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

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Art Contest Deadline

Friday, January 6, 2012
5 p.m., City Hall

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, January 16, 2012
City offices closed. No refuse or recycling collection.

Presidents Day

Monday, February 20, 2012
City offices closed. No refuse or recycling collection.

National Anthem and

"Voice of Bowie" Auditions

Saturday, February 25, 2012
10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., respectively, City Hall.

2012 City Holidays

New Year's Holiday	Monday	January 2, 2012
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday	January 16, 2012
Presidents Day	Monday	February 20, 2012
Memorial Day	Monday	May 28, 2012
Independence Day	Wednesday	July 4, 2012
Labor Day	Monday	September 3, 2012
Veterans Day	Monday	November 12, 2012
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 22, 2012
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday	November 23, 2012
Christmas	Tuesday	December 25, 2012

City offices will be closed on the dates listed above.
There will be no refuse or recycling services on these dates;
services will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.