

Bowie News Flash

August 2013

News

National Night Out Against Crime – August 6, 6 - 8 p.m.

Come learn about crime prevention, have some fun, and meet your local law enforcement officers at Bowie's National Night Out Against Crime. There will be games, children's activities, free food, information booths, fingerprinting demonstrations, and more at this year's event at Allen Pond Park.

Beat the Heat at the Bowie Ice Arena

The Ice Arena reopened in July after a two-month hiatus for maintenance. The facility offers camps, group lessons, public sessions, birthday parties, pickup hockey, pickup figure skating, and stick and puck sessions. Summer skating camps are underway. For more information, visit us online at www.cityofbowie.org/icearena or call 301-809-3090.

Have a Party at the Bowie Skate Park

The City now offers rental of the "event pad" at the Bowie Skate Park for birthday parties and other activities. For more information, contact Matt Reno, Department of Community Services at 301-809-3076 or mreno@cityofbowie.org.

Save a Life! Learn CPR or Renew Your CPR Certification

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.bowevfd.org.

Visit the Bowie Farmers' Market

The offerings are plentiful at the Bowie Farmers' Market. Vendors offer fresh locally grown produce, fruit, cut flowers, plants, breads, pastries, jams, jellies and more. Be sure to pick up a Farmers' Market bag with a qualifying purchase. The market operates in the parking lot 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 27, 2013. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Mentor Opportunity

Bowie Youth & Family Services Prevention Network is accepting applications for adult volunteers to work with the [Teen Mentoring Program](#) at Bowie High School. As a volunteer mentor to a student you will spend one hour a week, during the student's lunch period, building a positive mentoring relationship. Research shows the support of a positive adult friend can significantly impact a teen's high school experience, their life, and the community in which they live. For more information contact Rhonda Simon, Program Coordinator at 301-809-3033 or Andra Berry, Prevention Coordinator, Bowie Youth & Family Services at 301-809-3080 or email mentor@cityofbowie.org.

Weed Warriors Needed

Please join the City's Green Team in cutting destructive English Ivy vines from trees in Whitmarsh Park on Saturday, August 10 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Training, tools and water will be provided. Registration is required. Please call or email Tiffany Wright at 301-809-3043 or twright@cityofbowie.org. If it rains that morning, the event will be cancelled. For more information, visit www.cityofbowie.org/weedwarriors.

Tree Trimming in Somerset

The City has hired the Lewis Tree Company to help with trimming trees along the streets and in the City rights-of-way. In August they will be working in the Somerset section of Bowie. Questions about this work should be directed to Rick Kellner, City Forester, at 301-809-3061 or email rkellner@cityofbowie.org.

BGE Quick Home Energy Check-ups

BGE's Quick Home Energy Check up is a fast, easy way to save money by increasing the energy efficiency of your home. An energy expert will inspect your home and recommend ways to improve its efficiency. With your permission, the Check-up professional will install energy-saving items such as CFL bulbs, faucet aerators, efficient flow showerheads, electric water heater tank wrap, water heater pipe insulation and smart power strips at no additional cost!*

Schedule your Check-up today at 877-685-7377 or by visiting the BGE energy savers website at www.bgesmartenergy.com. The BGE Smart Energy Savers Program also offers a variety of additional ways to save energy, money, and help the environment.

* These programs are funded through the EmPOWER MD Act of 2008 and appear as a small monthly charge on every customer's bill.

Also check out BGE's updated power outage webpage (<http://outagemap.bge.com>). It is more user-friendly and contains more detailed information about outages, including the number of customers affected by an outage and the expected restoration time.

Events

8/1 – Time Travelers – Living by the Railroad 10:30 a.m. at Railroad Museum. Explore Bowie's railroad history. For ages 4-12. No reservations required. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

8/4 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *Ambience* 7 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. These concerts offer relaxing entertainment for the entire family. All concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

8/5 – City Council Meeting - 8 p.m. at City Hall.

8/6 – National Night Out 6 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. This 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. Please join us for an evening of family fun!

8/7 – Medicare Educational Seminar 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Senior Center. 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. For more information, please contact the Center at 301-809-2300.

8/8 – “Lively Island Music and More” Pizza and a Program – Summer Intergenerational Fun 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the Senior Center. Embracing the longer days of sunshine, we invite seniors to bring their family and friends to this evening selection of intergenerational activities. We share pizza, salad, and a fun interactive program together one Thursday a month. Registration and \$6 is due one week prior to each program. All ages are welcome! For more information, please contact the Center at 301-809-2300.

8/10 – Weed Warriors in Whitemarsh Park 8:30 – 11 a.m. Please call or email Tiffany Wright at 301-809-3043 or twright@cityofbowie.org for information or to register.

8/11 – “Corn Roast” at Bowie Farmers’ Market 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the parking lot of the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts at Bowie High School. Come by and enjoy free corn on the cob fresh off the grill, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. For more information, please contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

8/11 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *US Army Blues* 7 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. These concerts offer relaxing entertainment for the entire family. All concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

8/17 – 10th Annual Back to School Bash 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the City Gym. Games, moon bounces, entertainment, parent resource area, music, food, and more. Backpack give-away to first 300 children ages 4 - 10. Please bring an item for the Bowie Food Pantry. For more information, please contact the Gym at 301-809-2388.

8/18 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition 7 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. These concerts offer relaxing entertainment for the entire family. All concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

8/20 – Kids Kaboose 10:30 a.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun and games for youngsters ages 1-12. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

8/24 – Rochambeau’s March Through Bowie 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. There will be reenactors, crafts persons, and a ladies sewing circle. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

8/25 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – N2N 7 - 8 p.m. at Robert V. Setera Amphitheater, Allen Pond Park. These concerts offer relaxing entertainment for the entire family. All concerts are free. They are canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.