

# Bowie News Flash

**February 2012**

## **News**

### **New Speed Cameras on Kenhill Drive February 6**

In an effort to control speeding near Benjamin Tasker Middle School, the City will place speed cameras on Kenhill Drive, near the intersection of Kenhill and Fair Lane. The cameras will be activated on **Monday, February 6, 2012**. Like all speed cameras operated by the City, these cameras will take pictures of vehicles going at least 12 miles over the speed limit, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. According to State law, the cameras operate throughout the year (including summer and other times when schools are closed).

### **New Committee Seeks to Honor Public Safety Officials**

The Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce and the City of Bowie Public Safety Committee have teamed up to sponsor the first annual Bowie Public Safety Appreciation Awards. They will be honoring those who have performed in an extraordinary manner to protect the people of Bowie as first responder public safety professionals, whether they serve in career or volunteer capacities.

The Bowie Public Safety Appreciation Committee, made up of members of these two organizations will accept nominations. The nominations of sworn law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services personnel must be for performance of duties within Bowie. The nominee's public safety agency does not have to be headquartered in Bowie, but the performance of duties must have been within Bowie.

Nominations must be for performance of duties in a manner that was extraordinary. This can include superior sustained performance or a meritorious act during a single event. The performance cited should be recent. A full description of the nominee's performance must be included to allow the committee to make a reasonable evaluation of the nomination. The name and contact information of the person nominating must be included. The committee would also be interested to learn about extraordinary acts or performance in the interest of public safety in Bowie by private citizens. Nominations should be submitted to [kelly@bowiechamber.org](mailto:kelly@bowiechamber.org) or mailed to 1525 Pointer Ridge Place, Suite 302, Bowie, Maryland 20716 and must be received by March 1, 2012.

Honorees will be recognized at a luncheon on March 30, 2012 at the Comfort Inn & Conference Center. To make reservations for the luncheon, visit [www.bowiechamber.org](http://www.bowiechamber.org) or contact the Chamber office at 301-262-0920.

### **Prince George's County Launches Emergency Alert Notification System**

The Prince George's County Office of Emergency Management now offers citizens the opportunity to receive alerts and emergency notifications by email and/or text messaging. Those interested can visit <https://notifyme.princegeorgescountymd.gov> to register. This service is similar to Alert Bowie, but will provide information about emergencies occurring anywhere in Prince George's County.

### **Accepting Nominations for Bowie's Hall of Honor**

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. The deadline to submit nominations for the 2012 Hall of Honor 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](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org). Nomination forms are available on the City's website.

### **Snow Removal**

Despite our mild winter to date, snow is still a possibility before spring arrives. Here are a few reminders about the City's snow policy:

A **snow emergency** is declared whenever snow reaches a depth of two inches. At that time, all vehicles must be removed from City streets so that plowing operations may begin. During a snow or ice event, it is acceptable to park your vehicle on your grass. All main drives, hills and collector streets are treated and/or plowed first. In the event of a snowfall less than two 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 will only be treated in extreme icing conditions.

Each resident is responsible for removing snow and/or ice from the sidewalk in front of their home. To report hazardous conditions within the City, call 301-809-2344. More information about the City's snow removal program can be found by searching the word "snow" on the City's website.

### **Presidents' Day – Monday, February 20**

City offices and the Senior Center are closed on this day. There will be no refuse or recycling collection. Collection resumes on your next regularly scheduled day.

### **Skating Lessons at the Bowie Ice Arena**

Bowie Ice Arena Group Lessons Series 3 begin February 2. Classes are offered for children as young as 18 months of age through adults. Classes are offered Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Special discounts are offered for beginners.

### **Upcoming Bowie Youth & Family Services Group Offerings**

For more information about any of the groups listed below, please contact Bowie Youth & Family Services at 301-809-3033.

#### ***My Family and Me: Separation and Divorce Group***

Two groups, one for the parents, the other for the children ages 7 - 11. Exploring stressful life events using games, crafts, discussion for the kids and helping parents learn about listening and problem-solving techniques. (Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m. Fee: \$90)

#### ***Girls Count!***

Sharing the pressures of being female in today's complex society, teen girls support each other as they participate in activities that are fun and meaningful. (Mondays, 4 -5:30 p.m. Fee: \$50/school year)

#### ***ADHD/ADD Education***

Two groups run simultaneously: Adults learn about AD(H)D and new ways to help their children. Children, ages 7-11, meet to focus on improving social skills. Call for pre-group interview. (Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m., beginning in March. Fee: \$120)

#### ***Active Parenting***

This popular 7-week group for parents focuses on learning practical skills to help develop cooperation and responsibility in your child. (Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., beginning in March. Fee: \$60)

## **Events**

**2/3 - 2/18 – “Crimes of the Heart” at Bowie Playhouse** 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. The play is 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. The final performance will be a matinee on Saturday, February 18, 2012. For tickets, call 301-937-745 or visit [www.pglt.org](http://www.pglt.org).

**2/6 – Regular City Council Meeting** 8 p.m. at City Hall.

**2/8 - 4/11 – American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Tax Preparation at the Senior Center** – Volunteer tax preparers from AARP will be at the Center to assist seniors in completing their tax returns. For more information or to make an appointment, please call the Center at 301-809-2300.

**2/10 - Deadline for Bowie Hall of Honor Nominations**

**2/12 – Trains in the Caboose!** 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Bowie Railroad Museum. The NTrack Train Modellers will set up trains in the red caboose. Come see what it's all about and get into training! Free. For more information, please call 301-809-3089 or email [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**2/13 – Brown Bag Lunch Lecture** 12 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Bring your lunch; coffee and tea provided. Free. For more information, please call 301-809-3089 or email [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**2/14 – A Celebration of Friendship at the Senior Center** 12:30 – 2 p.m. at the Senior Center. The Center will host “Membership Appreciation Day” on Valentine’s Day. This annual event is an opportunity to celebrate friendship and diversity. There will be live entertainment and light refreshments. Join us! For more information, call the Center at 301-809-2300.

**2/14 – “Sylvia’s Diary: Unraveling the Mysteries of a Federal-Era Journal” Second Tuesday Lecture** 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. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**2/17 – 2/20 – Presidents' Day Tournament at the Bowie Ice Arena.** This annual tournament is hosted by the Bowie Hockey Club, which is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The tournament is for players ages 6-18. Admission to the Ice Arena for the tournament is free.

**2/18 – “79 Wistful Vista: Fibber McGee and Molly’s Years in Radio” Radio History Society Lecture** - 2 p.m. at the Radio and Television Museum. The Radio History Society’s Brian Belanger and Ed Walker recall one of the most delightful programs in broadcast history. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**2/20 – Presidents’ Holiday** – City offices and the Senior Center are closed. No refuse or recycling collection.

**2/21 – Kids Kaboose** 10:30 a.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad stories and fun for ages 1-11. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**2/21 – Regular City Council Meeting** 8 p.m. at City Hall.

**2/25 – National Anthem and “Voice of Bowie” Auditions** – Open auditions for individuals or groups to perform the National Anthem at special events sponsored by the City 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, beginning at 10 a.m. for the National Anthem and 12:30 p.m. for the “Voice of Bowie”. For more information or to schedule an audition, please contact Special Events Coordinator Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

**2/26 - Bowie Figure Skating Valentine's Competition** Skaters of all ages representing rinks in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia will compete in various events. Free admission.