

Bowie News Flash

January 2012

News

Christmas Tree Pickup

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.

Snow Removal

A **Snow Emergency** is declared whenever snow reaches a depth of two inches. All vehicles must be removed from City streets. The City begins plowing when the snow depth reaches two inches. 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 are only treated in extreme icing conditions. During a snow or ice event only, it is acceptable to park your vehicle on your grass. 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 on the City's website - www.cityofbowie.org.

Bowie Police Department Offers Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) Training For Women

The Bowie Police Department will offer two R.A.D. courses beginning in January, one on Monday evenings and the other on Wednesday evenings, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. The courses are a series of five classes to be held at Kenhill Center, located at 2614 Kenhill Drive. Monday classes begin January 23. Wednesday classes begin January 18. The Rape Aggression Defense System is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. It is a comprehensive, women-only course, the primary focus of which is the realistic development of self-defense options before and during situations of imminent or actual attacks. R.A.D. is not a martial arts program. Our courses are taught by nationally certified R.A.D. instructors and provide each student with a workbook/reference manual. For more information and to sign up, please call 301-575-2015.

City "Green Team" Forming

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 Mr. 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!

City Program Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The City will honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a short program on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 10 a.m. at City Hall. The program will feature the artwork of local students who have been selected as finalists in the City's Martin Luther King Art Contest. The contest is organized annually by the City's Diversity Committee to help teach school children about the life and legacy of Dr. King. There are three categories in the contest: a coloring contest for grades K-2, a poster contest for grades 3-5, and a photography contest for grades 6-12. The theme for this year's contest was "An Act of Service or Kindness Inspired by Dr. King". Contest winners will be announced in February. The program will take place in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, January 16

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

Register for Bowie Youth Chorus and Summit Singers Beginning January 16

Registration begins January 16, 2012 for the Bowie Youth Chorus. Rehearsals will be 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. 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. The Youth Chorus begins Thursday, February 2.

A high school performance group called the "Summit Singers" is also 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 Eleanor Minor at elianorminor@gmail.com or call City Hall at 301-809-3011.

Accepting Nominations 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. Nomination forms are available at www.cityofbowie.org.

Events

1/5-2/9 – Bridge Basics II at the Senior Center – 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 at 301-809-2300.

1/13-1/28 – “Murder by Misadventure” at Bowie Playhouse 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. This play is 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.BCTheatre.com or call 301-805-0219.

1/14 – Program Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – 10 a.m. at City Hall. The program will feature the artwork of local students who have been selected as finalists in the City's Martin Luther King Art Contest. The program will take place in the Council Chambers.

1/14 – “The Role of the Associated Press in Radio Journalism” Radio History Society Lecture - 2 p.m. at the Radio and Television Museum. Ken Mellgren, NCRTV Board Member, will explore an interesting interface in broadcast media. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

1/17 – 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.

1/17 – Regular City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall.

1/22 – “Mrs. Ogle’s Winter Sewing Circle” - 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. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.