

# Bowie News Flash

**March 2014**

## **News**

### **Community Meeting on New Regional Medical Center – March 1st**

There is a new Regional Medical Center coming to Largo Town Center and Prince George's County officials want to hear from members of the public about their visions and expectations for the new Regional Medical Center and the County's healthcare system in general. There will be a meeting on Saturday, March 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Jericho Christian Academy, 8500 Jericho City Drive in Landover. Continental breakfast will be available beginning at 9 a.m.

### **Melford Village Proposal – Public Hearing on March 11th**

The Bowie Advisory Planning Board (BAPB) will hold a public hearing on March 11th on the Melford Village Proposal. Melford Village is a proposed mixed use project including a variety of residential unit types and retail/commercial/service uses on approximately 122 acres located within the middle of the existing Melford development.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The public is invited and encouraged to participate in this hearing. The issue is expected to come before the City Council in March or April of this year.

### **Education and Arts Scholarship Deadline Approaches**

Monday, March 17 is the submission deadline for City-funded college Education and Arts Scholarships. Details about the scholarships are available in the Guidance Departments of high schools attended by City residents and also on the City's website at [www.cityofbowie.org/scholarships](http://www.cityofbowie.org/scholarships).

### **Nominate Someone Involved in Scouting for the Malcolm "Skip" Popp Award**

In 1971, Bowie resident Malcolm "Skip" Popp, lost his life while rescuing Scouts on a troop outing. In his honor, an award is given by the City to recognize Scouts and Scout leaders who have performed "extraordinary and distinguished community service, within scouting organizations located in the City of Bowie." To learn more about this award or to obtain a nomination form, go to [www.cityofbowie.org/popp](http://www.cityofbowie.org/popp) or contact Sally Hein at 301-809-3014 or email [shein@cityofbowie.org](mailto:shein@cityofbowie.org). The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 28, 2014.

### **Seventh Annual Business Recognition Program**

The City of Bowie and the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce are celebrating the Seventh Annual Business Recognition Awards program on Wednesday, May 14, 2014. The program was created to recognize and celebrate those businesses in the Bowie community that exhibit exemplary efforts to provide outstanding services, products and facilities to all its customers. Nominations are sought in the following categories: *Business of the Year, Small Business of the Year, Green Business of the Year, Incubator Business of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year* and *Community Service Award*. Please mail nominations to City of Bowie, Attention: John Henry King, Economic Development Director, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716 or fax to 301-809-2315 or email [jhking@cityofbowie.org](mailto:jhking@cityofbowie.org). The nomination deadline is Friday, March 28, 2014.

### **A Perfect Time to Plant a Tree - \$100 City Rebate Available!**

Spring is in the air, and it is time to start taking advantage of the many benefits that trees provide. Add beauty, shade, and privacy to your property with a tree. A \$100 City rebate is available to residents who would like to plant a tree on their property. To learn how to receive the rebate, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie](http://www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie) or contact Kristin Larson at [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044.

### **Register for Summer Ice Skating Camps**

Registration for summer skating camp begins March 15. Camps will be held during the months of July and August. Half-day camps will be offered for children ages 3 - 6 and full-day camps will be offered for children ages 6 - 13. Specialty camps will also be offered for hockey and figure skating. For a detailed listing of camp offerings, please call the Arena at 301-809-3090 or visit us online at [www.cityofbowie.org/icearena](http://www.cityofbowie.org/icearena).

### **Youth Leadership Bowie**

The Youth Leadership Bowie (YLB) program is a combined effort of the City of Bowie and the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce. This year-long program is designed to provide young people with experiential leadership opportunities while exposing them to different career paths. The program runs from September thru May. Participants meet one day per month for a group activity and complete a community service project. Students who live in the City or attend Bowie High and will be sophomores and juniors in the fall of 2014 are invited to apply. An application can be downloaded from the City of Bowie website at [www.cityofbowie.org/forms](http://www.cityofbowie.org/forms) or from the GBCC website at [www.bowiechamber.org](http://www.bowiechamber.org). The application deadline is Friday, May 2, 2014.

### **Tree Trimming in Northridge, Huntington Crest, and Bowie Station**

City Parks and Grounds crews will be working to trim trees in the Northridge, Huntington Crest and Bowie Station neighborhoods over the next several months. Questions about the work should be directed to Rick Kellner, Community Forester, at 301-809-3061 or email [rkellner@cityofbowie.org](mailto:rkellner@cityofbowie.org).

### **No More Plastic Bags for Yard Waste**

As of January 1, 2014, residents are no longer able to put their grass, leaves, or branches out for curbside collection in plastic bags. This change is due to a new policy at the County yard waste recycling facility where the City disposes of its yard waste.

Branches up to three inches in diameter must be tied and bundled or placed in paper bags or cans. Larger limbs can be stacked at the curb. They must be cut into 18-24 inch long sections, and must be no greater than 24 inches in diameter and weigh no more than 50 pounds each. All other yard waste must be placed in paper bags or trash cans. Large, heavy duty paper bags can be purchased at local stores. (We've found them in Bowie at BJ's, Home Depot, Lowe's, Safeway, and Target.) Cans, bags and bundles of limbs must weigh no more than 50 pounds each. Do not use the blue recycling carts or bins for yard waste. Please remember that yard waste cannot be included with your regular trash.

This change applies only to yard waste. Trash may still be put in plastic bags. Questions about this change or about yard waste collection in general should be directed to the Solid Waste Division at 301-809-2344 or email [publicinfo@cityofbowie.org](mailto:publicinfo@cityofbowie.org).

### **Annual Drinking Water Quality Report**

Each year the City of Bowie prepares a Water Quality Report that provides a summary of the City's efforts to provide quality drinking water to customers served by the City's water system. In the past, a copy of this report has been mailed to all customers served by the City's system. Starting this year, the City of Bowie Water Quality Report will no longer be mailed to each customer of the City of Bowie water system. However, the Water Quality Report is available online at [www.cityofbowie.org/wqr](http://www.cityofbowie.org/wqr). For more information or to request a printed copy of the report, please contact the City Water Plant at 301-809-3060.

**Fly Your Historic Flag for 2014!** This year marks Prince George's County's commemoration of the War of 1812, and the birth of our National Anthem. Get your own 15-star Star Spangled Banner to fly all year long at the Mansion Gift Shop, open Tuesday - Sunday, 12 - 4 p.m. Flags are \$20 each.

### **Street Sweeping Begins in March**

Between spring and fall, each City street is cleaned several times by a street sweeper. When sweeping is scheduled for your neighborhood, please park in driveways rather than the streets, whenever possible.

#### Schedule

**Week of March 17<sup>th</sup>:** *Buckingham, Derbyshire, Kenilworth, Melford, and the Vistas.*

**Week of March 24<sup>th</sup>:** *Amber Meadows, Ashleigh, Ashleigh Station, Greystone, Pointer Ridge, Ridgeview Estates, Tall Oaks, Ternberry, and Woodmore Estates.*

**Week of March 31<sup>st</sup>:** *Allen Pond, Collington Manor, Covington Manor, Enfield Chase, Glen Allen, Mitchellville East, Northview, Oak Pond, Oaktree, Palisades, Peach Preserve, and Pin Oak Village.*

### **Family Caregivers Workshop – Friday, March 7th**

There will be a free workshop on March 7th on understanding and coping with the needs of seniors and their family caregivers. The City of Bowie awarded a Community Outreach Grant to the Family Restoration and Healing Center, to partially fund this important workshop for the Bowie community. The intended audience includes spouses, adult children, extended family members and active seniors caring for seniors. This event runs from 6 - 10 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, located at 12303 Millstream Drive in Bowie. For more information and to RSVP, call 240-667-1849 or visit [www.360wholeness.org](http://www.360wholeness.org). This same workshop will also be offered in May.

### **Pothole Reporting**

Between frigid temperatures, snow plowing, and the occasional warm days, this winter has been particularly hard on local roads. Help get the roads back in shape by reporting potholes when you encounter them.

To report a pothole on a **State** road (Routes 3, 50, 197, 214, 301, 450, etc.) call 301-952-0555 or 301-776-7619 or visit the State Highway Administration's website to report the problem electronically ([http://marylandsha.force.com/customercare/request\\_for\\_service](http://marylandsha.force.com/customercare/request_for_service)).

Problems on **County** maintained roads can be reported by calling 301-499-8520 or complete an online form on the County's website ([www.princegeorgescountymd.gov](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov)). These roads include Church, Fletchertown, High Bridge, Hillmeade, Jericho Park, Mitchellville, Mt. Oak, Old Chapel and Race Track Roads.

Potholes on **City** streets can be reported to 301-809-2344 or by using our Service Request Form at <http://www.cityofbowie.org/service>.

For information about maintenance of City streets or if you don't know which agency maintains a particular road, please call our Public Works Department at 301-809-2344 or visit [www.cityofbowie.org/potholes](http://www.cityofbowie.org/potholes). We'll be glad to help.

## **Events**

**2/28 – 3/16 – Dark Passages at Bowie Playhouse** Mark and Bret's little college town used to be a great place, but not anymore. Women have been attacked in the area, and Bret is terrified that her missing best friends are the latest victims. Mark is more worried that Bret is cheating on him. Bret's creepy landlord is watching their relationship implode through a mirror in her apartment, unbeknownst to them both. When a detective with a colorful past arrives in town to investigate the disappearances, this little whodunit twists and turns its way to a scary conclusion. Produced by Bowie Community Theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays. Closing show is a matinee on March 16. For tickets, [www.bctheatre.com](http://www.bctheatre.com) or 301-805-0219.

**3/1 – Best Practices to Green Your Lawn** 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the City Parks and Grounds Building, located at 3106 Mitchellville Road. Learn about Maryland’s new fertilizer law, best management practices for reducing your pesticide/fertilizer use, and available natural alternatives. We have invited Master Gardeners and experts in lawn management to be present. Refreshments will be provided starting at 9:30 a.m. The presentation will begin at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Kristin Larson at [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044.

**3/1 – Games People Played** 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Enjoy 18th and 19th century table games for kids and adults. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**3/3 – Regular City Council Meeting** 8 p.m. at City Hall.

**3/7 – Family Caregivers Workshop** 6 - 10 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 12303 Millstream Drive. This free workshop is to help individuals understand and cope with the needs of seniors and their family caregivers. Call 240-667-1849 or visit [www.360wholeness.org](http://www.360wholeness.org) for details.

**3/8 – Weed Warrior Work Day** 8:30 - 11 a.m. at Whitemarsh Park. As an invasive, non-native plant, English ivy spreads quickly and easily, and is very destructive to native ecosystems. The City of Bowie’s Green Team needs volunteers to help remove English ivy from Whitemarsh Park. This is an outdoor activity that requires cutting the ivy vines at eye-level and foot-level, then pulling them back about two feet from the base of the tree to bag them. Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/weedwarriors](http://www.cityofbowie.org/weedwarriors) for more information.

**3/10 – The Ladies of Belair Brown Bag Lunch Lecture** 12 p.m. at Belair Mansion. A look at some of the ladies who were “Mistresses of the Mansion.” Bring your lunch; coffee and tea provided. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**3/11 - BAPB Public Hearing on Melford Village** 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The public is welcome and encouraged to participate in this hearing. Learn more about the Melford proposal at [www.cityofbowie.org/melford](http://www.cityofbowie.org/melford).

**3/11 – “Female Spies of the American Revolution” Second Tuesday Lecture** 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Donald Markle, author of Spies and Spymasters of the Civil War, will discuss “spyladies” from an earlier war! Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**3/17 – Regular City Council Meeting** 8 p.m. at City Hall.

**3/18 – Kids Kaboose** 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun for ages 1-10. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**3/18 – American Red Cross Blood Drive** 1 - 7 p.m. at the Bowie Gymnasium. To register, please contact the Red Cross at 1-800-Red Cross or [www.redcross.org/donation](http://www.redcross.org/donation).

**3/20 – Free Screening of “Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time”** 6:45 p.m. at Kenhill Center. This is the first full-length, high-definition documentary film ever made about the beloved nature writer and legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold. The film explores Leopold’s life in the early part of the twentieth century and the many ways people interpret and apply his “land ethic” ideas all over the world today. For more information, please contact Joe Meinert at [jmeinert@cityofbowie.org](mailto:jmeinert@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3047.

**3/21 – Bowie Police Department Senior Safety Presentation** – 12 p.m. at Bowie Senior Center. Topics include identity fraud, personal and home safety, and theft from auto prevention. For more information, call the Center at 301-809-2300.

**3/24 – Bytes of Maryland History** 10:30 a.m. at the Bowie Senior Center. Museums Manager Pam Williams takes time travelers on a quick ride through Maryland History in celebration of Maryland Day. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**3/27 – Fall Prevention Presentation at the Senior Center** – 10:30 a.m. Crofton Podiatry will provide information on foot care and preventing falls. Complimentary foot screenings will be provided. For more information, call the Center at 301-809-2300.

**3/27 – Free Screening of “Symphony of the Soil”** – 6:45 p.m. at Kenhill Center. This groundbreaking film presents the complexity and mystery of soil with grace and artistry. After the film, viewers are encouraged to stay for a question-and-answer discussion with soil specialists David Smith from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service, Michel Cavigelli from USDA’s Agricultural Research Service, and Bruce James from the University of Maryland. For more information, please contact Joe Meinert at [jmeinert@cityofbowie.org](mailto:jmeinert@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3047.

**3/28-4/13 – Shakespeare’s Hamlet at Bowie Playhouse** *The Tragedy of Hamlet* is a play originally written by Shakespeare and is set in the ancient kingdom of Denmark. It is about the revenge of a prince after his family members including the king, King Hamlet, are murdered by his uncle, Claudius, so that he can inherit the throne as well as the wife of his kinsman. The play culminates when the young prince finally kills Claudius and manages to take back the throne of his father. The theme of the play is that of revenge, family ties and corruption. It is Shakespeare's longest play. Produced by Annapolis Shakespeare Company. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and matinees are at 2 p.m. on Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. For tickets, visit [www.annapolishakespeare.org](http://www.annapolishakespeare.org) or call 410-415-3513.

**3/29 – Turn Off the Lights and Come Look at the Stars** – 6:30 p.m. at Kenhill Center  
Want to learn about stars? Ever wonder how to make a telescope? Join us on the evening of Earth Hour for a stargazing event. Guy Brandenburg, a local astronomer, will give a fun, interactive, and educational presentation for kids and there will be a traveling planetarium too. If interested, there are a limited number of spots for this event, and you must register by contacting Kristin Larson at [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044. This event is sponsored by a Community Champions Grant from Constellation Energy.