

# Bowie Spotlight

The Official Newsletter of the City of Bowie

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## Celebrate Bowie Heritage in May ... and Every Day!

Bowie celebrated its first Heritage Day 46 years ago, in 1969! As the Museum Office plans this year's event, we have to wonder if those who planned the first Heritage Day had any idea what a tradition it would become. This year, Heritage Day, **May 18**, will be celebrated at all City Museums. See the **Museum Events** on **Page 14** of this newsletter for details. And, as an added attraction, the Prince George's Genealogical Library will host an open house – come find your roots!

But – if you can't make Heritage Day – you can still celebrate Bowie's long and rich history by visiting one of our City Museums. The City's commitment to its history and its historic sites is strong; it keeps our past alive every day of the year. Belair Mansion has served as a focal point in the area since 1745, a home to two families for over 200 years – and then, as City Hall, home to the City for 15 years. As the home of two Triple Crown winners and countless other horseracing champions, Belair Stable has a unique place in American history – and American sports history. The City was literally born on the railroad tracks in Old Bowie – the Bowie Railroad Museum and the Old Town Bowie Welcome Center offer a glimpse of our earliest “municipal” days. Find your roots at the Genealogical Library or enjoy heritage broadcast equipment at the National Capital Radio and Television Museum.

Spend a day vacationing at home...you don't need to get on the subway, or use a tank full of gas! Enjoy the story of a real hometown – from its earliest days. Open hours for all museums are included on the Museum Events page...admission is **free** at all sites. Come discover Bowie's past...the commute is great, and the price can't be beaten!

## 4th of July Fireworks at Prince George's Stadium

The City and the Bowie Baysox have collaborated again to bring a spectacular **4th of July** program to Bowie. Please join us at Prince George's Stadium, home of the Bowie Baysox, on July 4th for an evening celebration of America's birthday. The program begins at **7:30 p.m.** when the Fabulous Hubcaps Band takes the stage to begin the celebration. At 9:15 p.m. Mayor Robinson will welcome you to the event, followed by a fantastic fireworks show. Immediately following the fireworks the Fabulous Hubcaps Band will return to the stage for a 30-minute encore presentation. The event is free and open to the public. The Stadium's main gate will open at 6 p.m. for seating. For more information, visit the City's website - [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

## Paper Shredding and Styrofoam Recycling

**Saturday, June 21**  
**8 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

The City's Public Works Department has scheduled a paper shredding and Styrofoam recycling event at the **Bowie High School Parking Lot**, located on Annapolis Road, for Saturday, June 21, 2014.

Residents can bring up to five tall kitchen bags or five archive boxes for shredding. Documents may be observed while they are being shredded. Styrofoam must be free of any debris (glue or tape).

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.

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## Code Corner

The ***Bowie Spotlight*** is published by the City of Bowie six times a year.

Comments or questions regarding the content or form of the newsletter should be directed to the Public Information Office at 301-809-3040.

The City's TTY number is 301-262-5013.

For alternative versions of the newsletter, please contact the City's Public Information Office.

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### Do's and Don'ts of Parking your Car on a City Street

When parking your car on a City street make sure you comply with the City Code or else your vehicle may be ticketed or towed.

- The motor vehicle must display valid registration plates.
- The tires must be inflated and the vehicle must be capable of being operated under its own power.
- It must be parked entirely upon the street pavement and not over the curb.
- Must not be parked within three (3) feet of a vehicle to the front or to the rear.
- The right wheels must be within twelve (12) inches of the curb.
- The vehicle must be parked a minimum of three (3) feet from the entrance to a driveway.
- Do not park within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant; twenty-five (25) feet from a "Stop" sign or thirty (30) feet from an intersecting street.

Be courteous and do not park in front of a mailbox. The U.S. Postal Service will not make a delivery when a mailbox is blocked by a parked vehicle.

These are just a few of the regulations governing the parking of motor vehicles on a City street. We encourage all residents to read the City Code, especially Chapter 14 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) and Chapter 26 (Zoning). The City Code can be viewed on the City's website at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

### Yard Sale Signs

Yard Sale signs are allowed to be placed in the right-of-ways on City street corners from Friday at 12 p.m. until Sunday evening at 6 p.m. These signs are to be freestanding and not attached to a street light pole, "Stop" sign, or other traffic device. The signs must not create a traffic or safety hazard. The property owner conducting the yard sale is responsible for both erecting and removing signs advertising the sale. A \$100 fine may be issued for any violation.

For more information, please contact the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 or [dmichelle@cityofbowie.org](mailto:dmichelle@cityofbowie.org).

## The Good, the Bad and the Ugly of the Growing Season

With every spring and summer season, we get to experience the beauty of nature...the warmth of the sun and comfortable breezes...the sounds of birds and bees...the sweet smells of blooming flowers...you get the wonderful picture. But these seasons also bring some challenges to us – stinging and biting insects (hate those mosquitoes, don't we?), poison ivy, snakes, blistering heat and oppressive humidity. I'm sure you remember some of these too.

As a tree and landscaping guy, I am also very conscious of pests that harm and sometimes destroy plants, particularly insects and plant diseases. This is a short article, and it would be impossible to cover most of the potential problems we could face in the plant world here in Maryland; but, here is one issue to especially be on the lookout for this season – bagworm.

If you are unfamiliar with bagworm, you might never notice it on the evergreens in your yard. Cleverly disguised in their bags made from foliage of the host tree, this is a moth in the caterpillar stage that primarily attacks narrow leaf evergreens such as junipers, cedars, spruces, pines, arborvitae and Leyland Cypresses. (While it has been known to occasionally damage some other types of plants, the damage on other than evergreens is usually minimal.)

Identifying bagworm in the landscape requires a good eye capable of recognizing their excellent camouflage. Because bagworm usually infests evergreen trees, the brown bags may be overlooked at first, appearing like seed cones. Look for suspicious cone-shaped bundles of dried brown foliage, up to two (2) inches long, that match the tree's needles or leaves.

Bagworm, like all moths, undergoes a complete metamorphosis with four stages:

- Egg – In late summer and fall, the female lays up to 1,000 eggs in her case. She then leaves her bag and drops to the ground; the eggs overwinter.
- Larva – In late spring, larvae hatch and disperse on silken threads. They immediately begin feeding and constructing their own bags. As they grow, the larvae enlarge their bags by adding more foliage. They stay within the safety of their bags, sticking their heads out to feed and carrying the bags from branch to branch. They leave a noticeable amount of caterpillar scat as they eat and grow.
- Pupa – When the larvae reach maturity in late summer and prepare to pupate, they attach their bags to the underside of a branch. The bag is sealed shut, and the larvae turn head down inside the bag. The pupal stage lasts four weeks.
- Adult – In September, adults emerge from their pupal cases. Males leave their bags to fly in search of mates. Females have no wings, legs, or mouthparts, and remain within their bags.

Discovering and treating your evergreens for this pest as soon as they emerge from the previous year's old bag is very important in that if you allow bagworms to overrun your plants as more mature caterpillars, they will completely strip off all the foliage, and the plant(s) will die. There are excellent, safe control products available on the market as well as the old "pick them off by hand" method of control.

As with many pest problems, this one ebbs and flows through the years. Last season, these insects flourished and destroyed many plants following several years of minimal damage. So, be alert and lookout for bagworms in mid-May through August this spring and summer! Hoping for the best, Rick Kellner, Community Forester

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## Get Your Camera Ready!

For 2014, Green Bowie will be posting a green related photo each week on the City of Bowie's Facebook page. If you have a photo of something "green" (your new tree, rain garden, solar panels, rain barrel, etc.) that you would like to share, send your photo with a caption to the City's Sustainability Planner, Kristin Larson, at [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org). Also, please include your name and connection to the City (e.g. resident, teacher, student, someone who works here). You will be notified if your photo is selected to be posted.

## It's a Great Time to Plant a Tree - \$100 City Rebate Available

It is time to start taking advantage of the many benefits that trees provide. Add beauty, shade, and privacy to your yard. A \$100 City tree rebate is available to the first 100 City residents who would like to purchase a tree at Patuxent Nursery (2410 Crain Hwy, Bowie, MD). There are 12 species of trees eligible for the rebate, although some species' availability may be limited. For more information, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie](http://www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie) or contact the City's Sustainability Planner, Kristin Larson, at 301-809-3044.

## Upcoming Weed Warrior Work Days at Whitemarsh Park

**Saturday, May 17, 8:30 - 11 a.m.**

**Sunday, June 8, 2 - 4 p.m.**

As an invasive, non-native plant, English ivy spreads quickly and easily, and is very destructive to native ecosystems. The City's Green Team is in need of 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 and bagging them. For more information, visit [www.cityof-bowie.org/weedwarriors](http://www.cityof-bowie.org/weedwarriors) or call 301-809-3044. This is an excellent Student Service Learning (SSL) activity.

## Backyard Habitat Tour

**May 17, 2014**

Are you familiar with the Backyard Habitat program? Have you wanted to certify your yard, but you're just not sure where to begin? Come to the third annual Bowie Gardens 4 Wildlife Backyard Habitat Tour.

Each May, a few residents open their yards and habitats to the public to show how they are providing food, water and shelter for wildlife. They are available to talk about what has and hasn't worked for them and are happy to provide guidance on how to get started in your own backyard!

Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie](http://www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie) for a map of tour stops and the times each resident is available. For more information, contact Watershed Manager Tiffany Wright at [twright@cityofbowie.org](mailto:twright@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3043.

## Rain Barrel Workshop

**May 3, 2014**

Join us at this spring's rain barrel workshop, co-sponsored by the Bowie Lions, on **Saturday, May 3** from 9 - 10 a.m. at City Hall, Room 243. A brief presentation on the benefits of rain barrels and how to install them will be followed by a question and answer session with residents that currently have working rain barrels at their homes. Donuts and coffee will be the first order of business. For more information or to reserve your spot (preferred, not required), contact the City's Watershed Manager, Tiffany Wright at [twright@cityof-bowie.org](mailto:twright@cityof-bowie.org) or 301-809-3043.





## Beautification Awards Program

The City, in cooperation with Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton, announces the 18th Anniversary of the Beautification Awards Program. Nominations are being sought in the following categories:

- Distinguished residential whole yard landscaping/gardening (house/townhouse)
- Distinguished front, back, or side yard landscaping/gardening
- Distinguished specialty garden (i.e. Patio garden, Japanese, Butterfly, etc.)
- Distinguished wildlife habitat
- Distinguished business landscaping/gardening
- Distinguished school (public or private) landscaping/gardening

The judging teams reserve the right to view and score the project according to their schedule. Nominations may be submitted at any time but no later than **June 20, 2014**. The Awards Program is scheduled for early fall. All entries will be judged by nationally accredited members of the Landscape Design Critics Council of the National Capital Area Garden Clubs. Professionally designed and installed projects will be judged separately from owner-designed projects. Photographs will be taken of the yard and/or garden at the time of judging. Yards will be judged in early July on the basis of concept, beauty and overall design.

Nominated properties must be located within the corporate limits of the City of Bowie. For nomination forms and further information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

## Community Outreach Grants

Information about the Community Outreach Committee's annual Grants program is on the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org). Following the adoption of the City Budget in late May, a new application and additional details will be available. Individuals, nonprofits, and others may apply to receive funding for projects that address health, disability or other social concerns, particularly for youth and seniors.

Last year's grants were used for several projects, including: instructional classes for caregivers and first responders in handling mentally and physically challenged individuals; grief counseling at the Senior Center; and a fun run for youth at the Bowie High School track, to encourage better fitness.

## Bowie Food Pantry

This summer, the Bowie Food Pantry will again have a booth at the Farmer's Market. Fresh food donations are very welcome, and the Pantry thanks those shoppers who have bought a little extra for the Pantry as well as those farmers who have donated items in the past. The Farmer's Market will be open for business in the Bowie High School parking lot on Sunday mornings from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. beginning **May 18, 2014**.

Food Pantry volunteers will march with Community Outreach Committee members at the City's Memorial Day Parade on **Saturday, May 24, 2014**. Please bring nonperishable items with you to donate as these dedicated folks march past you with shopping carts at this patriotic event.

Community Outreach Committee members will also be at each of the free Sunday Sunset Concerts at Allen Pond Park, accepting donations of nonperishable food, toiletries and baby items such as wipes and diapers for the Bowie Food Pantry. Come join us for the first concert at 7 p.m. on **Sunday, May 25, 2014**.

Additional information about these events and activities can be found on the City's website at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) or by calling City Hall at 301-809-3011.

## What's Bouncing at the Bowie Gym?

**Bowie Senior Fit Program** – Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 to 10 a.m. The program, sponsored by Holy Cross Hospital, is free to seniors in the community. Please call Sara McKechnie at 301-754-7895 for additional information.

**Morning Walking Program** – Walk indoors every weekday morning at the Gym, 8:30 to 10 a.m. Enjoy the benefit of a climate controlled facility to get your exercise! **Please note:** June 16 - August 15, hours change to 7:30 to 9 a.m., due to summer camp programs.

**Recreational Volleyball** – Fridays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Get some exercise and meet new friends! No experience needed.

**Red Cross Blood Drive** – May 11, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Please contact the Red Cross at 1-800-Giveblood to register.

**Room Rentals** – The City Gym has rooms available for rental for birthday parties, business meetings, showers, etc. The rate is \$25 per hour. On some dates we may have court availability in conjunction with room rental for youth birthday parties. Please contact the Gym for availability, at **301-809-2388**.

**School Supply Donations** – The City Gym will host its “11th Annual Back to School Bash” on August 16. Each year, the crowds grow and we are finding it harder to fill back packs for our giveaways. A bin is located in the Gym lobby for donations of school supplies for this event.

**Sport4All** ([www.Sport4All.org](http://www.Sport4All.org)) - Basketball for ages 3 -12, June 10 - July 29.

**11th Annual Back to School Bash** – Saturday, **August 16th**. We are soliciting vendors for our resource area. If you have a program, event or activity for school-age youth, please contact us for table space. Tables are provided free of charge!

### Summer Camps:

**The Shot Doctor** ([www.shotdoctor.com](http://www.shotdoctor.com)) June 16 - 20.

**Nike Girls Basketball** ([USSportsCamps.com/basketball](http://USSportsCamps.com/basketball)) June 23 - 27, girls ages 6 - 17.

**The Shot Doctor** ([www.shotdoctor.com](http://www.shotdoctor.com)) June 30 - July 3, with Grevis Vasquez.

**Five Star Basketball** ([info@5starbasketball.com](mailto:info@5starbasketball.com)) July 7 - 11, boys ages 9 - 15.

**Nike Boys Basketball** ([USSportsCamps.com/basketball](http://USSportsCamps.com/basketball)) July 21 - 25, boys ages 6 - 17.

**DMV ELITE** ([www.dmvelite.com](http://www.dmvelite.com)) July 28 - August 1, ages 10 - 14.

## Bowie Youth & Family Services

Bowie Youth and Family Services (BYFS) serves the Bowie community by interaction with individuals, families and groups. Counseling is offered for families with school-age children living in the home. 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. Community activities are offered through the schools and community groups. Staff is composed of master and doctoral level, licensed clinicians with extensive training in family counseling and youth development, 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. Inquiries regarding outreach activities are also welcomed.

**Teen Job Bank** Residents are needed to hire Bowie teens (ages 13-17) looking for occasional jobs. Do you need some help with household or yard chores, babysitting, shopping, computer work or tutoring? Hire one of the teens from the Teen Job Bank. The particulars of the job and the fees paid are determined by you and the teen. Please fill in a Teen Job Bank resident application found on the City's website at [www.cityof-bowie.org](http://www.cityof-bowie.org) or call BYFS at 301-809-3033.

## Art Notes

### Art Gallery News

The City Hall Art Gallery current exhibit is the work of 20 art teachers who teach in Prince George's County Schools. Come and view the work of these talented teachers, who dedicate their love and passion for art to the children of Prince George's County. The show runs through Friday, July 25, 2014.

### Upcoming Shows

**Fun in the Sun** - July 28 through October 10, 2014

**Inside Spaces/Textures** - October 13, 2014 through January 10, 2015

Artists interested in being in either of these shows can download application forms and specific instructions from the City's website, [www.cityof-bowie.org](http://www.cityof-bowie.org).

### Arts Committee at Bowiefest

Come visit the Arts Committee at its booth at Bowiefest, Saturday, June 7 at Allen Pond Park from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be activities for children. Stop by and learn about art in the City.

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

## 2014 Excellence in Education Reception

Each year, the City holds a special event to honor teachers from schools in the City who have been selected by their principals as outstanding teachers/counselors. We congratulate and extend our thanks to this year's winners:

Robyn D. Jones	Benjamin Tasker Middle School
Patrick J. Morris	Bowie High School
Marion King	C. Elizabeth Rieg Regional School
Matthew McCorkle	Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center
Lori Stevens	Grace Christian School
Karen K. Hoffman	Heather Hills Elementary School
Trasee C. Bradley	High Bridge Elementary School
Cynthia LaTorre	Kenilworth Elementary School
Marivic G. Cruz-Batacan	Northview Elementary School
Jennifer Peters	Pointer Ridge Elementary School
Jessica Papsan	Rockledge Elementary School
Vicky McCann	Saint Pius X Regional School
Joyce E. Lamb	Samuel Ogle Middle School
Dionne T. Barnes-Lyles	Tall Oaks Technical Academy
Madelaine Galarza	Tulip Grove Elementary School
Jolanda Rawls	Whitehall Elementary School
Michael Purdy	Yorktown Elementary School

## Children's Books Needed

The City's Education Committee will give away children's books at the 2014 Bowiefest on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at Allen Pond Park, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Donations of new and gently used children's books are requested from the community. Books should be dropped off at the following locations:

- Benjamin Tasker Middle School, 4901 Collington Road
- Samuel Ogle Middle School, 4111 Chelmont Lane
- Tulip Grove Elementary School, 2909 Trainor Lane

Drop-off hours at all schools are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For additional information, please contact Annette Esterheld, Education Committee Staff Liaison, at [aesterheld@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityofbowie.org) or 301-575-5601.

## Memorial Day Weekend Parade

The City's Memorial Day Parade will be held **Saturday, May 24, 2014** to honor all who have served and are serving in our Armed Forces in the defense of our nation. This year, we will take a moment to remember a war that took place all around the Bowie area - the War of 1812. In its third year, 1814, the British burned Washington D.C. after the battle of Bladensburg and then went on to attack Baltimore. In this time of great despair, Marylanders stood their ground and defeated the British, changing the outlook of the war. It was during this battle that Francis Scott Key wrote a poem called Star Spangled Banner in September of 1814.

As we celebrate the 200th anniversary of our National Anthem, the Memorial Day Parade is a chance for us to remember those Marylanders and all of the unsung heroes who have served when called upon.

The Parade will begin at **11 a.m.** at the Bowie High School Annex (3021 Belair Drive). Participants will march along Belair Drive to Sussex Lane, to Stonybrook Drive to Sage Lane. The reviewing stand, along with concession stands and restrooms, will be located in Acorn Hill Park on Stonybrook Drive. Belair Drive, Sussex Lane and Acorn Hill Park are wonderful locations to view the Parade. So bring your flags, family and friends, and wear red, white and blue, and show your hometown pride!

As you enjoy the Parade, please be respectful of the residential property adjacent to your viewing area. Please stay in the common area between the curb and sidewalk and remember to take everything you brought with you when you leave.

Whether you prefer to be a participant in the Parade, or on the sidelines cheering others on, you can be a part of this patriotic event. There is still time to sign up your group or organization to participate in the Parade.

For more information or an application, go to [www.cityof-bowie.org](http://www.cityof-bowie.org) or call 301-809-3078.



## 2014 Saturday Concert Series

Town Green Park, 9th Street (MD Route 564)

Old Town Bowie, 4 - 6 p.m.

These free concerts will be presented "in the heart of the antique district" in Old Town Bowie. Concerts are canceled in case of inclement weather.

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| <b>May 3</b>    | <b>Gary and the Groove</b><br><b>Old Town Antique</b><br><b>Festival, 1 - 3 p.m.</b><br><i>Rock Oldies</i> |
| <b>June 21</b>  | <b>Ten Karat Gold</b><br><i>R&amp;B</i>                                                                    |
| <b>June 28</b>  | <b>ILYAIMY</b><br><i>Folk Rock</i>                                                                         |
| <b>July 5</b>   | <b>Sugar Beat</b><br><i>Top 40</i>                                                                         |
| <b>July 12</b>  | <b>Off Track</b><br><i>Bluegrass</i>                                                                       |
| <b>July 19</b>  | <b>Motor Driven</b><br><i>Classic Rock</i>                                                                 |
| <b>July 26</b>  | <b>Project Natale</b><br><i>Jazz</i>                                                                       |
| <b>August 2</b> | <b>Rise Band &amp; Show</b><br><i>R&amp;B/Motown</i>                                                       |

For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).





## 2014 Sunday Sunset Concert Series

**Robert V. Setera Amphitheater**

**Allen Pond Park, 7 - 8 p.m.**

These free concerts offer relaxing entertainment for the entire family. They are canceled in case of inclement weather.

<b>May 25</b>	<b>Beatwater</b> <i>Beatles Tribute Band</i>
<b>June 1</b>	<b>Sam'O &amp; JFC</b> <i>Reggae</i>
<b>June 8</b>	<b>Saturday</b> <i>Rock/Motown/R&amp;B</i>
<b>June 15</b>	<b>The Baywinds Band/Bowie Elks</b> <b>Flag Day Program</b> <i>*Start time 6 p.m.</i> <i>Concert Performance</i>
<b>June 22</b>	<b>Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition</b> <i>Bluegrass</i>
<b>June 29</b>	<b>National Concert Band of America</b> <i>Concert Performance</i>
<b>July 6</b>	<b>U.S. Naval Academy Crabtowne</b> <b>Stomper</b> <i>Jazz</i>
<b>July 13</b>	<b>U.S. Naval Academy Electric</b> <b>Brigade</b> <i>Rock/Motown/R&amp;B</i>
<b>July 20</b>	<b>U.S. Air Force Airmen of Note</b> <i>Jazz</i>
<b>July 27</b>	<b>The Winstons</b> <i>Motown</i>
<b>Aug. 3</b>	<b>The Electric Company</b> <i>80's Music</i>
<b>Aug. 10</b>	<b>United States Army Blues</b> <i>Jazz</i>
<b>Aug. 17</b>	<b>Ambience</b> <i>R&amp;B</i>
<b>Aug. 24</b>	<b>Too Much Trouble</b> <i>Rock/Classic Rock</i>
<b>Aug. 31</b>	<b>Fitzmaurice</b> <i>Country</i>
<b>Sept. 7</b>	<b>Benfield Brass</b> <b>Salute to America Concert</b> <i>Patriotic</i>

For information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).



## Celebrate Bowiefest!

Celebrate Bowie at this year's *Bowiefest* on **Saturday, June 7, 2014** from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. Bowiefest is a long-standing tradition in the City gathering the best of Bowie's civic organizations, entertainers and businesses in one place for one day. Around the Pond you can sample food from area vendors, including pulled pork, pit beef, corn dog, cotton candy, soft serve ice cream, funnel cakes, Italian sausage, frozen fruit drinks, fresh-squeezed lemonade and more.

Entertainment will be provided on two stages featuring Reptile World with Michael Shwedick, Dance Expressions, Bowie Boys and Girls Club Cheer and Pom Squad, X Squad Dancers, Belle Aires Twirlers, and Split 2nd Band at the Amphitheater. The Anne Arundel Medical Center Pavilion Stage will feature Delta Loco, Blackface Band, Good Times Band and Good Chemistry Band.

Stop by the craft tables and purchase hand-crafted wares, organized by the Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton. For more information, contact Soroptimist representative Pam Fleming at 301-464-0610. Stop inside the Ice Arena for the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce Business Expo. For Expo information, contact Kelly Pierce at the Chamber at 301-262-0920 or [kelly@bowiechamber.org](mailto:kelly@bowiechamber.org).

Once again the Collington Masonic Lodge will conduct the Child Identity Program. And rides, games and activities will complete your day at Bowiefest. Texas Roadhouse will hold a rib eating contest at Bowiefest again. To sign up, stop by the restaurant at 6011 High Bridge Road in Bowie. For more information, go to [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org), and search Bowiefest or contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3078.

## Mosquito Control Program Underway

The City's 2014 Mosquito Control Program began with spring larviciding in March. The regular season began April 7, 2014 and will continue into early September. Work may continue late into September if necessary.

The program consists of larviciding (control of immature stages of the mosquito), public education about the Asian Tiger Mosquito, and adult surveillance with possible spraying on Tuesday (North Bowie) or Wednesday (South Bowie) nights.

Larviciding involves the treatment of the immature stages (eggs, larvae or pupae) of the mosquitoes in the stagnant water where they occur. Known breeding areas will be checked every three weeks and will be treated as necessary.

Your neighborhood has been scheduled for adult mosquito surveillance and possible spraying according to the schedule to the right. This part of the program will begin the end of June and will continue through the end of September. Please call the Public Works Department if you have a mosquito problem in your area.

The Tiger Mosquito is a major pest in this area. You can help reduce its "backyard breeding". Mosquitoes can breed in any standing water. To prevent backyard breeding areas, water should be changed weekly in birdbaths and wading pools, and daily in pet dishes. Gutters should be cleaned at least twice a year. Other water holding containers should be disposed of or stored upside down.

If you need assistance with identifying breeding areas around your home, or to report stagnant water near your property, contact the Public Works Department at 301-809-2336 or [ebenkert@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ebenkert@cityofbowie.org). Information is also available from the Maryland Department of Agriculture Mosquito Control Office at 301-422-5080 or on the website at [www.mda.state.md.us](http://www.mda.state.md.us).

## Weekly Spraying Schedule

If necessary, spraying for mosquitoes will take place weekly according to the following schedule:

Tuesdays 9 p.m. - 4 a.m.	Wednesdays 9 p.m. - 4 a.m.
Belair Greens	Amber Meadows
Bowie Forest	Ashleigh
Bowie Station	Ashleigh Station
Buckingham	Bowie Commons
Chapel Forge	Collington Manor
Derbyshire	Collington Station
Dixon Crossing	Covington
Fairview	Devonshire
Fletchertown Road	Enfield Chase
Foxhill	Ensleigh
Forest Drive	Essington
Glenridge	Evergreen Estates
Grady's Walk	Glen Allen
Highbridge Park	Governor's Green
Hillmeade Station Addition	Greystone
Huntington	Grovehurst
Huntington Crest	Heather Hills
Idlewild	Lake Village Manor
Kenilworth	Longleaf
Long Ridge	Mitchellville Rd. Townhouses
Meadowbrook	Mitchellville East
Meadowbrook Townhouses	Northview
Northridge	Oak Pond
Old Chapel Estates	Oaktree
Olde Stage	Palisades
Overbrook	Patuxent Overlook
Princeton Square	Peach Preserve
Race Track Rd. Townhouses	Pointer Ridge North
Rockledge	Pointer Ridge South
Rolling Hills	Ridgeview Townhouses
Saddlebrook	Tall Oaks
Saddlebrook West	Tall Oaks Crossing
Somerset	Ternberry
Spring Meadows	Vistas
Stewart's Landing	Woodmore Estates
Sumner Chase	Woodmore Highlands
Tulip Grove	
Victoria Heights	
Westview	
Whitehall	
Yorktown	

## Springtime Tips from Public Works

### Yard Waste Recycling is Mandatory

Yard waste is collected each Wednesday. **It will not be picked up with regular trash.** Yard waste consists of leaves, grass clippings, branches up to three inches in diameter (**no bamboo, dirt, mulch, or sod**). Due to a new policy change at the County yard waste recycling facility, yard waste cannot be placed in plastic bags. Leaves and grass (free of dirt and rocks, etc.) must be placed in paper bags or in cans. Branches up to three inches in diameter must be tied and bundled or placed in paper bags or cans. Each can should weigh no more than 50 pounds. Larger limbs can be stacked at the curb. They must be cut into 18-24 inch long sections, 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. Do not use the blue recycling carts or bins for yard waste. Yard waste must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on Wednesdays. Bamboo is picked up on regular trash days.

**Buying a new lawn mower?** The City offers residents a rebate of **\$50** for the purchase of a new mulching, electric or manual reel mower. To obtain your rebate, bring proof of City residency and the receipt for the mower to the Finance Department Cashier's window at City Hall. If the receipt does not specify that the mower is one of the three types, please also bring a manual or other documentation for the mower. Finance Department hours are Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Refuse and Recycling Reminders

When your recycling day falls on one of your refuse collection days, please place your refuse on one side of the driveway and your recycling on the other side. This way there will be no doubt as to whether you are recycling items or want them collected as trash.

**Single stream recycling is here!** Glass food and beverage containers (clear and colored); aluminum beverage cans and foil; bimetal cans - food containers; aerosol cans; plastics - soft or rigid, large or small mouth bottles and containers, tubs, bags, flower pots, cups, toys, and lawn furniture; newspapers, junk mail, catalogs, magazines, paperboard and cardboard should be placed in paper or plastic bags, or tied in bundles. All of these items may be placed in the same recycling container. You may use any container, just mark it "**Recycling**". The filled container may weigh no more than 50 pounds. Place it at the curb by 7 a.m. the day of your pickup.

**Special pickup** is for metal items only such as washers, dryers, water heaters, grills, bicycles, refrigerators, freezers, exercise equipment – anything that is 98% metal. You must call to request the service. Call 301-809-2344 prior to 12 noon on Tuesdays for that Wednesday's special pickup.

**Large, bulky items** such as couches, chairs, console televisions, computer monitors, sliding glass doors with the glass, wood tables - household items that are not 98% metal - can be placed at the curb on one of your regular trash days. These are not special pickup items.

**Used Oil and Antifreeze:** The City operates a drop-off facility for used oil, filters and antifreeze just inside the Public Works entrance on Route 450. This facility is open Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., the first Saturday of each month 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., and other Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Items not collected:** Compact fluorescent light bulbs, sod, dirt, rocks, mulch, car parts, propane tanks, concrete, oil, gasoline, kerosene, oil-based paints or any hazardous materials. Prince George's County accepts hazardous waste at the Brown Station Landfill in Upper Marlboro Thursday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 301-883-5045.

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## Bowie Water Quality

### Report Online

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.cityof-bowie.org/wqr](http://www.cityof-bowie.org/wqr).

For more information or to request a printed copy of the report, please contact the City Water Plant at 301-809-3060.

## Support the Bowie Police Department and Special Olympics

Come out for two great community events and help raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics:

**Smokey Bones Burger Battle - June 18, 7 - 9 p.m.** The Bowie Police Department will battle the Bowie Fire Department in a burger eating contest. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics of Maryland. The tailgate party starts at 7 p.m., the Burger Battle begins at 8 p.m., with an after-party to follow. Purchase different signature burgers from Smokey Bones and a portion of the proceeds will go to Special Olympics!

**Special Olympics Awareness Day - June 22** at Prince George's Stadium. Following the **2:05 p.m.** Bowie Baysox vs. Binghamton Mets game, watch the Prince George's County All-Star Softball team take on the Bowie Police All-Stars at **4:30 p.m.** Cost is \$10 per ticket (includes both games) and benefits the Special Olympics of Prince George's County.

For more information about these events, please contact Sergeant Henderson at 301-575-1824.

## Bowie Playhouse Presents

### THE FOX ON THE FAIRWAY -- 5/2 - 5/18

*A tribute to the great English farces, this hilarious romp takes audiences on a ride which pulls the rug out from underneath the stuffy denizens of a private country club. Filled with mistaken identities, slamming doors, and over-the-top romantic shenanigans, it's a furiously paced comedy that recalls the Marx Brothers' classics. A charmingly madcap adventure about love, life, and man's eternal love affair with... golf. Produced by Prince George's Little Theatre. For tickets and information, [www.pgl.t.org](http://www.pgl.t.org) or 301-937-7458.*

### Hello Dolly -- 5/30 - 6/29

*This is the story of Mrs. Dolly Levi, the beloved matchmaker, and her efforts to marry Horace Vandergelder, the well-known half-a-millionaire. Along the way she also matches up the young and beautiful widow Molloy with head clerk, Cornelius Hacki, Cornelius's assistant Barnaby Tucker with Mrs. Molloy's assistant, Minnie Fay, and the struggling artist Ambrose Kemper with Mr. Vandergelder's niece, Ermengarde. Classic musical numbers include "Put on Your Sunday Clothes", "Before the Parade Passes By", "It Only Takes a Moment", and "So Long Dearie". Produced by 2nd Star Productions. For tickets and information, [www.2ndstarproductions.com](http://www.2ndstarproductions.com) or 301-832-4819.*



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





## Bowie Ice Arena

301-809-3090



Bowie Ice Arena will once again offer summer skating camps and group lessons beginning in July. For registration information, visit us online at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) or call **301-809-3090**.

### Summer Skating Camps

**Small Skate** – A half-day camp, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. during the weeks of **July 7** and **August 25** for children of all skating levels ages 3 - 6. Campers participate in on-ice instruction, on and off-ice games, and arts and crafts. Skaters put on a show at the end of the week.

**Summer Skate** – A full-day camp, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. during the weeks of **July 21** and **August 18** for children of all skating levels ages 6 - 13. Campers participate in on-ice instruction, on and off-ice games, and arts and crafts. Skaters put on a show at the end of the week.

**Freestyle Skate** – An advanced level specialty day camp, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. during the week of **July 7** for skaters at the freestyle level. The more advanced skaters will enjoy on and off-ice instruction, strength training, harness training, choreography, and ballet or Pilates.

**Hockey Development** – A specialty camp during the weeks of **July 14** and **August 11** for hockey players who have team experience at the Mite travel level through Bantam/High School. For a detailed brochure, please call the Ice Arena or visit the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org), under leisure activities.

**Group Lessons** – Lessons will be offered for children as young as 18 months of age through adults on Tuesday and Thursday evenings during July and August. Classes begin **July 8**. No experience needed. All levels welcome! For more information, please call the Ice Arena or visit the City's website at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

*The Ice Arena is closed during the months of May and June for annual maintenance, but will reopen in July for summer skating.*

## Farmers' Market "Opening Day"

Join us for the Bowie Farmers' Market Opening Day on **Sunday, May 18, 2014** from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Opening Day will host market vendors offering fresh locally grown produce, fruit, cut flowers, plants, breads, pastries, jams, jellies and more.

The Market will operate 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 26, 2014. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

## News of the City Museums



### Mark Your Calendar

**The Blue Sky Puppets Explore the War of 1812 - Saturday, May 17, 2 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. Kids of all ages are invited to look at the War of 1812 through a presentation by the famous Blue Sky Puppet Theater, provided in cooperation with the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area. Free.

**Annual Bowie Heritage Day - Sunday, May 18, 12 - 4 p.m.** Visit the Railroad Museum, Welcome Center, Mansion and Stable for fun heritage activities including music, free pony rides and hands-on activities for kids. Belair Mansion will be open for tours, with a discount in the museum store. The NTrack Modellers and the Lego Lady will share some fun at Bowie Railroad Museum. Special open house at the Genealogy Library. Free.

**“What Lies Beneath: A Look at the Archaeology of Waterford Estates” - Monday, May 19, 7:30 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. The Annual Bowie Museums/Prince George’s County Historical Society Lecture. Dr. Paul Kreisa, Archaeologist for Stantec, will discuss development at 18th century plantation, “Sprigg’s Request/Pleasant Prospect”, site of today’s Waterford Estates. Free.

**Kids Kaboose - Tuesdays, May 20 and June 17, 10:30 a.m.** at the Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun for ages 1-10. Free.

**Find Your 1812 Ancestors...and Meet Rosalie Calvert - Saturday, May 31, 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. Genealogist Rebecca Koford offers tips to find your 1812 ancestors. Bring a brown bag lunch; drinks/desserts provided. At 1 p.m., Riversdale’s Rosalie Calvert (Mary Ann Jung) will speak about the War of 1812 in our neighborhood. Sponsored by the City and the Prince George’s Genealogical Society. Free. **Reservations required.**

**“Anthem” - A Salute to the Star-Spangled Banner - Saturday, June 14, 6:30 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. Join director/producer Mark Hildebrand, in viewing his critically acclaimed film, “Anthem,” the story of our National Anthem and the music that surrounds it. Free. **Reservations requested.**

**Mrs. Rumney’s Housewifery School - Monday, June 23, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. Young ladies (and any young gentlemen!) ages 7 - 12 are invited to learn how to run an 18th century household. Laundry, food preparation, dancing, deportment, sewing and other skills essential to keeping a house in order will be covered. \$20 (lunch and snacks included). **Reservations and advance payment required.**

*For information on these, or any museum program, please call 301-809-3089 or email [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto: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.*

**The National Capital 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.*

## 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.

### Senior Chorale "Odes in Spring" Concert

**Wednesday, May 21, 7:30 p.m., Bowie Center for the Performing Arts**

The 110-member Bowie Senior Chorale's spring concert celebrates works by great poets set to the music of noted composers. From the comedy of Ogden Nash to the witty commentary of Emily Dickinson to the moving words of William Blake, the spring concert presents the musical version of more than a dozen poems. Tickets for the performance are \$6 and may be purchased at the Senior Center.



### Tiptoe Through the Tulips

**Monday, May 19, 10:30 a.m.**

In the 18th century, gardening reached state of the art, epic proportions on large estates, plantations and even houses in cities like Annapolis and Philadelphia. Join Historic Properties Manager Pam Williams and tiptoe through the tulips of some 18th century gardens in England, France, and colonial America.

### Senior Information Fair: Putting Pieces of the Puzzle Together

Join us at the Center for the following presentations:

**Wednesday, May 21, 10 - 11:30 a.m.** - The Importance of Financial Health Planning and Important Documents

**Thursday, May 22, 10 - 11:30 a.m.** - Living Well While Living Longer

**Friday, May 23, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** - Informational Vendors Fair

For more information, please contact Gloria Gaddy at 301-809-2300. See you at the fair!

### Book Lovers Expo

**Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Open to the public. Bring a friend and join us for an entertaining morning as local authors present readings from their books. Various genres will be represented including nonfiction, mystery, thriller, poetry, inspirational, children's literature, humor, health, new age and more. Mingle with the authors and discuss their books, as well as, purchase a book from one of your neighboring authors and have them sign your book.

**Bowie Senior Center, 14900 Health Center Drive**

**301-809-2300, [www.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter](http://www.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter)**

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 7 p.m.;

and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Farmers' Market Opening Day**

*Sunday, May 18, 2014  
8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Bowie Center  
for the Performing Arts park-  
ing lot*

**Annual Bowie Heritage Day**

*Sunday, May 18, 2014  
12 - 4 p.m., Welcome Center,  
Railroad, Belair Mansion and  
Stable Museums*

**Memorial Day Weekend Parade**

*Saturday, May 24, 2014  
Beginning at 11 a.m.*

**Bowiefest**

*Saturday, June 7, 2014  
11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Allen Pond  
Park*

**2014 Bike to Work Day**

**Friday, May 16, 2014**

**Two Bowie Pit Stops:**

**Bowie Town Center Food Court &  
Old Town Bowie Fire Station, 9th Street**

**6:30 - 8:30 a.m.**

Gear up for Bike to Work Day 2014 - 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. For more information, contact Frank Stevens in the City's Planning Department at 301-809-3053 or [fstevens@cityofbowie.org](mailto:fstevens@cityofbowie.org). Register online at [www.biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org) or call 800-745-7433. Pre-register by May 9 for a free T-shirt (while supplies last at each pit stop).

