

Bowie News Flash

June 2014

News

Bowiefest is Saturday, June 7

Each year, on the first Saturday in June, local civic organizations, entertainers and businesses come together to celebrate Bowie at Bowiefest. It is a fair, a carnival, an expo, and a festival rolled up into one huge and exciting event and it takes place on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at Allen Pond Park, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There will be musical performances, rides, demonstrations, information booths, and lots of food offerings. There will also be an arts and crafts fair, organized by Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton, a Home and Health Expo inside the Ice Arena, and a rib-eating contest sponsored by Texas Roadhouse.

Admission to Bowiefest is free. Parking is also free and can be found at the park or on nearby streets. Bowie offers free shuttle buses from the Park and Ride lot (on Northview Drive, near the movie theaters) to the entrance of Allen Pond Park. Buses will arrive at the lot every 20 minutes starting at 10 a.m. The last bus will leave the park at 6:30 p.m. Read more about Bowiefest 2014 at www.cityofbowie.org/bowiefest.

Primary Election Early Voting, June 12 - 19

Between June 12 and 19 there will be early voting for the primary election. Voters can cast their votes before Primary Election Day at the Bowie Community Center and other convenient locations throughout the County between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. View the [Early Voting Flyer](#) for more information or call the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300.

City Beautification Awards

The City, in cooperation with Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton, is accepting nominations for the annual Beautification Awards. Anyone can nominate a home or townhouse, business, school, or specialty garden that reflects the beauty of Bowie. All nominated locations must be within the corporate limits of Bowie. For more information or to obtain a nomination form, visit the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org/forms, or contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Visit the Bowie Farmers' Market

The Bowie Farmers' Market is open for the 2014 season. Market vendors offer fresh locally grown fruit and vegetables, breads and baked goods, jams and jellies, beef and goat meat, ice cream, fresh cut flowers and bedding plants at the market. The market operates in the parking lot of the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts at Bowie High School, 15200 Annapolis Road, Sundays from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., through October 26, 2014. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Fly Your Historic Flag for 2014! This year marks the 200th anniversary of Prince George's County's involvement in the War of 1812, and the birth of our National Anthem. You can purchase 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.

Community Outreach Grants Available

The City of Bowie offers grants for social services programs for youth, senior citizens and other underserved populations within the City of Bowie. Applications can be submitted by individuals or organizations. At least 60% of the participants of any funded program must be City of Bowie residents. Project or programs should be conducted, whenever possible, within the Bowie City limits. The application may be found at www.cityofbowie.org/cocgrants. The submission deadline is July 28, 2014. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Sally Hein at 301-809-3014 or shein@cityofbowie.org.

Budget Adopted with No Increase in Property Tax Rate

On May 19, 2014, the Bowie City Council approved an Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2014 and a Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2015 to 2020. In approving the Budget and CIP, Councilmembers voted, among other items, to fund additional positions for the Police Department and committed to building a new indoor sports facility. For the fifth year in a row, the property tax rate will remain at 40 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

Buying a New Lawn Mower? You May be Eligible for a City Rebate.

City residents who purchase a new mulching, electric, or manual reel mower are eligible to receive a \$50 rebate from the City of Bowie. To obtain your cash rebate, bring proof of city residency* and the receipt for a mulching, electric, or manual reel mower to the Finance Department at City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road. If the receipt does not specify that the mower is one of these three types, please also bring a manual or other documentation for the mower.

New and Improved Alert Bowie

The Alert Bowie system is getting an upgrade and a makeover. By the end of June a new system will be in place to deliver emergency alerts and informational messages to those who live, work, or visit Bowie. The changes will allow those who subscribe to receive important alerts like severe weather warnings, crime alerts, and traffic updates to choose more ways of receiving their information, including via home phones and through a smart phone application. Current subscribers will be getting information about the changes in the next few weeks and new subscribers will be invited to sign on to this critical service starting in July.

Summer Camps at the Gym and Ice Arena

Are you looking for a camp for your child this summer? There are still some spaces available in our camps at the Ice Arena. Visit www.cityofbowie.org/icearena for details. Also find out about camps being held at the City Gym this summer by calling 301-809-2388.

Mosquito Control Program is Underway

The City of Bowie works with the Maryland Department of Agriculture to keep the mosquito population in control. If you believe there is a problem with mosquitoes in your neighborhood, please contact our Public Works Department at 301-809-2344. Spraying occurs as needed on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m.

Events

5/30 - 6/29 – *Hello Dolly* at Bowie Playhouse 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*". This show is produced by 2nd Star Productions. For tickets and information, visit www.2ndstarproductions.com or call 301-832-4819.

6/1 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *Sam'O & JFC (Reggae)* 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.

6/2 – City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall. View the agenda for the meeting at www.cityofbowie.org/agenda.

6/7 – Book Lovers Expo at the Senior Center 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Open to the public. Bring a friend and join the Senior Center 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, and perhaps purchase a book from one of your neighboring authors and have them sign your book. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

6/7 – Prince George’s County Rabies Vaccination Clinic 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Animal Services Facility, 3750 Brown Station Road, Upper Marlboro. Prince George’s County is hosting a low-cost rabies vaccination clinic for cats, dogs and ferrets over three (3) months old. The fee is only \$10 per vaccination. (Please bring the exact amount in cash.) A responsible adult must bring the pet. You must bring proof of prior rabies vaccination. All animals must be secured (dogs on a leash, cats and ferrets in a carrier box). For more information, call 301-583-3782 or 301-780-7200 or visit www.princegeorgespets4us.com.

6/7 – Bowiefest 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 a variety of foods from area vendors. Entertainment will be provided on two stages. Rides, games and children’s activities are available. Texas Roadhouse will hold a rib-eating contest. To sign up, stop by the Texas Roadhouse at 6011 High Bridge Road. Stop by the craft tables and purchase handcrafted wares, organized by the Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton. Area nonprofits will provide information about their organization’s services. The Collington Masonic Lodge will conduct the Child Identity Program. Take a break from the heat and visit the Ice Arena for the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce’s Home and Health Expo. For more information, go to www.cityofbowie.org/bowiefest or contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at mcorley@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3078.

6/8 – Weed Warrior Work Day 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Whitemarsh Park. The Bowie Green Team needs volunteers to help remove English ivy, an invasive, non-native plant from trees at Whitemarsh Park. This is an outdoor activity. The first 15 minutes are instructional, and all tools are provided. Registration is required. Contact Kristin Larson at klarson@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044 for information or to register.

6/8 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – Saturday (Rock/Motown/R&B) 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.

6/12 – An Evening of Classic Country Music at Senior Center 6 - 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is requested and the fee is \$5 for residents and \$6 for nonresidents.

6/14 – “Anthem” – A Salute to the Star-Spangled Banner 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. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

6/15 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *The Baywinds Band (Concert performance)/Bowie Elks Flag Day Program* Start time 6 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.

6/16 – City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall. View the agenda for the meeting at www.cityofbowie.org/agenda.

6/17 – Kids Kaboose 10:30 a.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun and games for youngsters ages 1 - 10. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

6/18 – Smokey Bones Burger Battle 7 - 9 p.m. at Smokey Bones. 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! For more information, please contact Sergeant Henderson at 301-575-1824.

6/21 – Paper Shredding and Styrofoam Recycling Event 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Bowie High School Parking Lot, 15200 Annapolis Road. 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.

6/21 – Saturday Concert Series – *Ten Karat Gold (R&B)* 4 - 6 p.m. at Town Green Park, 9th Street (MD Route 564). These free concerts are presented “in the heart of the antique district” in Old Town Bowie. Concerts 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.

6/22 – Special Olympics Awareness Day 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, please contact Sergeant Henderson at 301-575-1824.

6/22 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition (Bluegrass) 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.

6/23 – Mrs. Rumney’s Housewifery School 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. The fee is \$20. (Lunch and snacks included.) Reservations and advance payment required. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

6/26 – An Evening of Line Dancing at Senior Center 6 - 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is requested and the fee is \$5 for residents and \$6 for nonresidents.

6/28 – Saturday Concert Series – ILYAIMY (Folk Rock) 2 - 4 p.m. at Town Green Park, 9th Street (MD Route 564). 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. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

6/29 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – National Concert Band of America 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.

6/29 – June Jam at the Bowie Skatepark – There will be a skate competition and various vendors selling wares. Registration will be held on site. More information is available at www.cityofbowie.org/skatepark. The Skatepark is located in Allen Pond Park.