

# Bowie News Flash

**May 2014**

## News

### **Free Community Job Fair – Friday, May 2, 2014**

As a public service for local residents, the City of Bowie will host a Job Fair on May 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the City Gymnasium. More than 40 employers from all over the region will be there seeking candidates for their positions. The Job Fair is free for both employers and job seekers. You do not have to live in Bowie to attend. For more information and the list of confirmed participants, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/jobfair](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobfair). Parking for job seekers is at Bowie Town Center or along Health Center Drive.

### **Hydrant Flushing Program Delayed Until Summer**

Due to the painting of the City's elevated water tank on Belair Drive, a decision was made to delay the annual hydrant flushing program (usually done in April and May) for neighborhoods served by City water until summertime. City officials determined that if hydrant flushing takes place while the elevated water tank is out of service, there is the possibility of a loss of water pressure in certain City neighborhoods should these events occur simultaneously. Out of an abundance of caution, the annual hydrant flushing program has been postponed until summertime. Residents will be notified when flushing is rescheduled for their neighborhoods. For more information, please call the Public Works Department at 301-809-2336.

### **Backyard Habitat Tour – May 17, 2014**

Come to the third annual Bowie Gardens 4 Wildlife Backyard Habitat Tour on May 17. 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/Green](http://www.cityofbowie.org/Green) Bowie 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.

### **Farmers' Market Opens Sunday, May 18, 2014**

Join us for the Bowie Farmers' Market Opening Day on **Sunday, May 18, 2014** from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. On Opening Day there will be 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).

### **Celebrate Heritage Day May 18, 2014**

This year, Heritage Day, **May 18**, will be celebrated at all City Museums from 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.

### **Memorial Day Weekend Parade – Saturday, May 24, 2014**

The City's Memorial Day Parade will honor all who have served and are serving in our Armed Forces. 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.

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. So bring your flags, family and friends, and wear red, white and blue, and show your hometown pride! For more information, go to [www.cityofbowie.org/parade](http://www.cityofbowie.org/parade) or call 301-809-3078.

### **Celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Beatles in America – May 25, 2014**

On **Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** Allen Pond Park will be the scene of a British Invasion as *Beatwater* (Beatles Tribute Band) invades the stage to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Beatles Coming to America. The concert runs 7 - 8 pm so come on out and enjoy the show. This is the first show of the Sunday Sunset Concert Series. Concerts will run every Sunday through September 7<sup>th</sup>. All show are free and open to the general public. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

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

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.

### **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 nominations must be for locations within the corporate limits of Bowie. For more information or to obtain a nomination form, visit the City's website at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org), or contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

### **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 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. Gallery hours are City Hall hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

### **Springtime Tips**

It's spring and the grass, trees and flowers are growing and blooming. Please remember that grass clippings cannot be blown into the street or storm drains. Yard waste is collected every Wednesday and should be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. that day, but no earlier than 5 p.m. the Tuesday before. Similarly, refuse and recycling should be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on the scheduled day of collection, but no earlier than 5 p.m. the day prior. Once yard waste, refuse and recycling have been collected, please remember to promptly remove the receptacles from the curb and return them to storage to the rear or side of your property. For more information, the City Code on the City's website at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

### **Remember No More Plastic Bags for Yard waste**

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 Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.

**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.

## Events

**5/2 – Community Job Fair at the City Gym** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parking at Bowie Town Center and along Health Center Drive.

**5/2-18 – “The Fox on the Fairway” at Bowie Playhouse** 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.org](http://www.pgl.org) or 301-937-7458.

**5/3 – Saturday Concert Series – Gary and the Groove** 1 - 3 p.m., Town Green Park, 9<sup>th</sup> Street (MD Route 564), Old Town Bowie. 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](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

**5/5 –City Council Meeting - Public Hearing on Budget & CIP** 8 p.m. at City Hall.

**5/6 – City Council Budget Worksession #4** 8 p.m. at City Hall. Worksession includes City Manager's Office, Police, Finance and Nondepartmental.

**5/11 – Red Cross Blood Drive** 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Bowie Gymnasium. Please contact the Red Cross at 1-800-Giveblood to register.

**5/12 –City Council Budget Worksession #5** 8 p.m. at City Hall. Worksession includes Planning and Economic Development, Information Technology, Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Fund, General Fund Summaries, Appendix and Wrap-up.

**5/15 – Kids Kaboose** 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun and games for youngsters ages 1-11. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**5/16 – Bike to Work Day** 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. Pit Stops at Bowie Town Center Food Court and Old Town Bowie Fire Station, 9<sup>th</sup> Street. 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).

**5/17 – Weed Warrior Work Day** 8:30 - 11 a.m. at Whitemarsh Park. 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.cityofbowie.org/weedwarriors](http://www.cityofbowie.org/weedwarriors) or call 301-809-3044. This is an excellent Student Service Learning (SSL) activity.

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**5/17 – The Blue Sky Puppets Explore the War of 1812** 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. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**5/18 – Farmers' Market Opening Day** 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., Parking Lot of the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts at Bowie High School. Opening Day will host market vendors offering fresh locally grown produce, fruit, cut flowers, plants, breads, pastries, jams, jellies and more. Sundays through October 26, 2014. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

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**5/19 – Tiptoe Through the Tulips** 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. 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. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**5/19 – “What Lies Beneath: A Look at the Archaeology of Waterford Estates”** 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. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**5/19 –City Council Meeting - Adoption of Budget and Capital Improvements Program** 8 p.m. at City Hall.

**5/21 - 23 – Senior Information Fair: Putting Pieces of the Puzzle Together**

Wednesday and Thursday 10-11:30 a.m., Friday 10a.m.-2 p.m. at the Senior Center. Join us at the Center for the following presentations: May 21 - *The Importance of Financial Health Planning and Important Documents*; May 22 - *Living Well While Living Longer*; and May 23 - Informational Vendors Fair. For more information, please contact Gloria Gaddy at 301-809-2300. See you at the fair!

**5/21 – Senior Chorale “Odes in Spring” Concert** 7:30 p.m. at the 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. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**5/24 – Memorial Day Weekend Parade** 11 a.m. at Bowie High School Annex, 3021 Belair Drive. The Parade will proceed 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. For information, go to [www.cityofbowie.org/parade](http://www.cityofbowie.org/parade) or call 301-809-3078.

**5/25 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *Beatwater*** 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](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

**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 Hackl, 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.

**5/31 – Find Your 1812 Ancestors...and Meet Rosalie Calvert** 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.** For reservations and more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).