

# Bowie Spotlight

The Official Newsletter of the City of Bowie

July - August 2014

## Celebrate Independence Day at Prince George's Stadium

### Schedule of Events

<b>7:30 - 9 p.m.</b>	<b>Fabulous Hubcaps Band</b>
<b>9 p.m.</b>	<b>Welcome ... Mayor G. Frederick Robinson Introduction of Elected Officials Flag Ceremony and National Anthem</b>
<b>9:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Fireworks followed by Fabulous Hubcaps Band 30-minute finale</b>

Join the City and the Bowie Baysox at Prince George's Stadium, located at 4101 Crain Highway, on **Friday, 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. Enjoy the show, but be sure not to miss the fireworks at dark (approximately 9:15 p.m.). Following the fireworks, the Fabulous Hubcaps Band will take the stage again for a 30-minute finale. The event is free and open to the public, with the gates to the Stadium opening at 6 p.m. Food and drinks will be on sale at the Stadium. Please be aware that no food or drinks may be brought into the Stadium. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org) or visit [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org). *Please note: All bags will be checked upon entrance to the Stadium.*

## National Night Out - August 5, 2014

The Bowie Police Department will celebrate National Night Out on **Tuesday, August 5, 2014** from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. National Night Out is a nationwide event designed to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, and neighborhood camaraderie. Some of the activities include a sketch artist, moon bounce and much more. There will also be a fingerprinting station for children. Receive tips on home and personal safety as well as theft from auto prevention. Join us for an evening of family fun!

For more information, contact the Police Department Administrative Office at 301-575-2480. For non-emergency police service, call 301-352-1200. In an emergency, always call 911.

## Salute to America Concert

The City's Annual Salute to America Concert will take place **Sunday, September 7, 2014** from 7 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. The Concert will be the final show of the Sunday Sunset Concert Series and it is dedicated to those who died in the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001 and to those service personnel who have died since that time.

The Benfield Brass Band will perform an evening of patriotic music. Bring your flags, candles, friends and family to the Park for this patriotic evening. All attendees are encouraged to dress in red, white and blue, or wear military attire if appropriate. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

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## Nominations Sought for Bowie Public Safety Awards

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.

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The Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce and the City Public Safety Committee have partnered to sponsor the Third Annual Bowie Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon to be held Friday, **August 22, 2014** at the Comfort Inn & Conference Center in Bowie. The event honors those who work to make Bowie a safe place to live and work, whether they serve in career or volunteer capacities. The nomination form is available on the Chamber website or by contacting the Chamber office.

Awards will be given in several categories from nominations submitted by the public. The Scot S. Lewis Award of Valor will be presented to one or more public safety professionals displaying the spirit of commitment and selflessness portrayed by the former Bowie volunteer firefighter and Washington, D.C. police officer after whom the award is named. Lewis, who was a Bowie resident, was shot and killed in the line of duty in 1995.

Public Safety Appreciation Awards will also be presented in the categories of Leadership, Distinguished Service, Meritorious Service, Business Partnership, and Community Service. Awardees will be formally announced at the ceremony.

Nominations must be for performance of duties within Bowie by first responder public safety professionals, including sworn law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services personnel. The nominee's public safety agency does not have to be headquartered in Bowie but the performance of duties must have been within Bowie. Nominations must be for performance of duties in a manner that was extraordinary. This can include superior sustained performance or a meritorious act during a single event which occurred during the period of 2013-2014. Nominations may also include that of private citizens who have conducted extraordinary acts of performance in the interest of public safety in Bowie during this time frame.

The nomination deadline is Friday, **July 18, 2014** and the nomination form is available on the Chamber and City websites ([www.bowiechamber.org](http://www.bowiechamber.org) or [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org)) For more information, please feel free to contact the Chamber at 301-262-0920 or [info@bowiechamber.org](mailto:info@bowiechamber.org).

Tickets for the awards luncheon are \$40 per person and proceeds will be used, in part, to establish a fund to benefit Bowie public safety personnel. Active duty public safety professionals pay only \$30. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Reservations and sponsorships for the August 22 event may be made by visiting the Chamber website at [www.bowiechamber.org](http://www.bowiechamber.org) or by contacting the Chamber at 301-262-0920 or [info@bowiechamber.org](mailto:info@bowiechamber.org). Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. Checks may be made payable to GBCC and mailed to 2614 Kenhill Drive, #117, Bowie, Maryland 20715.

## City Welcomes Two New Department Directors

The City of Bowie welcomes a 30-year veteran of the United States Coast Guard to lead its Public Works Department. **George Stephanos** assumed the reins of one of the City's largest departments on June 2, 2014 after a long career managing facility maintenance and public works organizations for the Coast Guard. Since 2009, Mr. Stephanos was Director of the Coast Guard's Headquarters Relocation Project. In that role he supervised every aspect of the project to move the Coast Guard's headquarters to the Department of Homeland Security campus in Washington, DC. Prior to that, he served the Coast Guard as Commanding Officer of the Integrated Support Command in St. Louis, as Executive Officer of the Coast Guard Navigation Center, as Deputy Commander, Telecommunications and Information Systems Command, and as Public Works Officer at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London. Mr. Stephanos has most ably served his country and the Coast Guard for 30 years in a variety of engineering, logistics and public works positions. The City is excited to have him as a member of its management team. He is a licensed professional engineer, with a Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland in College Park. He replaces James Henrikson who led Bowie's Public Works Department from 1986 until his retirement in February 2014.

The City is also happy to announce the addition of **Vanetta Pledger** to lead the City's Information Technology Department. Ms. Pledger assumed the helm of this department on June 23, 2014 after serving as the Director of Information Technology for Orange County, Virginia and holding several positions of increasing responsibility with the City of Alexandria Virginia. Most recently, she served as Alexandria's Network Management Division Chief, where she led efforts to improve the reliability, efficiency, performance, and security of the government's internal and external systems. Her background is diverse and relevant, and includes hands-on experience in all of the major focuses of a forward thinking municipal IT department. The City is pleased to welcome Ms. Pledger to its management team. She is a graduate of George Mason University and earned a Master of Science Degree in Information Technology Systems from George Washington University in 2005. She replaces Robert Boller who led the IT Department for almost 20 years before his retirement in January 2014.

## Take Steps to Be Prepared for Medical Emergencies

Being prepared for emergencies means not only having water and flashlights handy when a storm knocks out power to your home, it can also mean having some basic medical knowledge to help a loved one in the first critical minutes of a medical emergency.

Investing a small amount of time to learn CPR or first aid can reap huge benefits. CPR can mean the difference between life and death for a victim of sudden cardiac arrest. Sudden cardiac arrest can be caused by heart attack, submersion/near-drowning, trauma, respiratory arrest, stroke and drug overdose. The Bowie Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) has made CPR training one of its important outreach priorities. The Department offers a regular schedule of CPR courses throughout the year at the Pointer Ridge Fire Station.

To register for a class, contact [bowiecpr@gmail.com](mailto:bowiecpr@gmail.com) or 301-390-8255. The class registration fee is \$25 per student. For more information, visit the BVFD website at [www.bowievfd.org](http://www.bowievfd.org).

## Senior's Energy Audit Program Update

Thank you to the 49 residents that participated in the Energy Audit Program for Bowie Seniors this winter. Collectively, energy savings estimates from installs provided during the energy audits (CFL light bulbs, low-flow shower heads and aerators, pipe insulation, etc.) are 20,662 kWh and 412 therms saved or roughly \$2,893 in electricity and \$536 in gas saved. There will be the potential for more energy savings from the program if participants choose to apply for additional BGE energy efficiency rebates within one year. Those additional rebates are provided for completing home improvements such as adding insulation, air sealing, upgrading heating and cooling equipment, etc. Further energy savings information for those improvements will be provided to the City in one year from BGE.

For more information about ways to save energy or if interested in an energy audit, visit [bgesmartenergy.com](http://bgesmartenergy.com) or call 1-877-685-7377.

## Energy Efficiency Assistance Program

Would you like to save money on your energy bills? Would you like to make your home more comfortable? If you answered yes to either of these questions, you may be able to apply for a grant!

In collaboration with other Prince George's County municipalities, the City of Bowie may offer funding to 20 low to moderate income homeowners who are in need of house improvements that reduce utility bills such as adding insulation or repairing a furnace.

If you are interested in this program, please contact the City's Sustainability Planner Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 or [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org) to see if you meet eligibility requirements and to fill out an application.

## \$100 City Tree Rebate Update

From March 1 through May 31, 2014, 49 Bowie residents participated in the \$100 City Tree Rebate program and planted trees on their properties. We would like to thank those residents because they are helping us Green Bowie. Altogether, the trees planted are estimated to save 6,151 gallons of stormwater runoff, save 506 kWh and 23 therms of energy, reduce atmospheric carbon by 995 lbs. and provide \$585 in total benefits per year. Additionally, when trees mature (each grows five inches annually), they provide \$1,765 in total benefits per year. Thanks to all the program participants!

## Reusable Shopping Bags

We know that recycling is important; however, there is an even better way to Green Bowie. By reducing the number of disposable products used, residents can help reduce litter and keep these items out of Bowie's waste and water streams. This includes plastic bags from grocery stores, drug stores and other retail shops.

A recent Sierra Club survey of Bowie residents found that only 8% of shoppers use reusable bags. Generally, reusable shopping bags are sturdy, easy-to-carry and available for a small fee at most retailers. Some retailers even provide a credit on your bill for each reusable bag filled. You just need to remember to take the reusable bags into the store each time you shop!



## Summer at the City Gym

**Morning Walking Program** July 1 - August 15, 7:30 - 9 a.m. Walk indoors weekday mornings.

**Room Rentals** The City Gym has rooms available for rental for birthday parties, business meetings, showers, etc. The rate is \$25 per hour. Some dates we may have court availability in connection with your room rental. Contact the Gym for availability at 301-809-2388.

**Red Cross Blood Drive** Tuesday, July 1, 2 - 7 p.m. To register, please contact the Red Cross at 1-800-RedCross or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

### Summer Camps

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

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

**DMV Elite Basketball Camp** – Boys and girls grades 5 - 8, July 28 - August 1. Information: [www.DMVELITE.com](http://www.DMVELITE.com).

**Chris Wright Basketball Camp** – Ages 8 - 16, August 4 - 8. Bowie native and former Georgetown star Chris Wright will conduct this camp. Information: e-mail [tarlikesports@gmail.com](mailto:tarlikesports@gmail.com).

**11th Annual Back to School Bash!** Saturday, August 16, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bigger and better than ever! The first 300 children ages 4 - 11 will receive a backpack filled with school supplies. We will have more entertainment this year and a larger vendor area. Vendors should offer products or programs of interest to school-age children during the upcoming school year. Interested vendors, please contact the Gym at 301-809-2388.

**School Supplies Needed** The Gym hosts its annual “Back to School Bash” on August 16 (information above). Each year, crowds grow and it becomes more challenging to fill backpacks for the children. Please consider donating any type of school supplies to the Gym to help in this effort. A collection bin is located in the Gym’s front desk area or the donation can be given to a staff member. Thank you!

*Please note: The Bowie Gymnasium will close August 18 for regularly scheduled maintenance. The building will reopen Tuesday, September 2.*

## News From the City Forester

Hello Bowie Folks - I hope you are enjoying the spring/summer beauty and weather. I am happy to raise a few “green” thoughts that will be helpful and encourage you to further enjoy our environs.

With most of the “spring-bloomers” like azaleas and rhododendrons a good but distant memory by now, I want to remind you of some good color opportunities in the local landscape. In the tree world, Crape (Crepe) Myrtle trees are a great choice for summer color. The botanical name for these trees is *Lagerstroemia indica*, and they can be found in many varieties and colors including red, pink, white, and lavender. Pictures and other excellent information about Crape Myrtles can be found on the Wikipedia website at [www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crape-myrtle](http://www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crape-myrtle). Also, just Google “crape myrtle” and see the incredible spectrum of images and colors that are available.

This full-sun, multi-stemmed tree is on the small side and is a great addition to the residential landscape. And when mid-summer blooming time comes around, many local nurseries offer excellent sale prices on these specimens. So, have fun finding a beauty...and happy planting! Rick Kellner, Community Forester

## Travel "Around the World In Just One Day" at the Bowie International Festival

Entertainers, artists, crafters, food, and children's activities will fill Allen Pond Park at the Bowie International Festival on **Saturday, October 4, 2014** from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Experiences at this Festival will take you "Around the World in Just One Day."

Bring your family and join friends and neighbors for the following activities: entertainment on two stages; food from the far reaches of Asia to right here in our own backyard; children's activities such as stories, international dance, sports and games from around the world; vendors of crafts, clothing, jewelry and many other offerings representative of a variety of countries and cultures.

This Festival will include something of interest for everyone. Children may pick up a passport at any children's activity booth or the event information booth and participate in various activities, accumulating stamps at each. Activities include dance and music from different cultures, story time, and arts and crafts from around the world. At the end of the "trip," children receive an international prize.

The International Festival Planning Committee is seeking sponsors to help cover the cost of children's activities and entertainment at the Festival. If you own, manage or work for a local business that would like to be a sponsor, please contact the City at the email or number below. Names of sponsors will be included in advance publicity and posted at this fun, entertaining event.

Join us for a day of celebration and exploration. For more information, please go to the City's website at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org). You can also contact City Hall at 301-809-3011 or Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

## Code Corner

### Administrative Abatement Fee

Effective July 1, 2014, an Administrative Abatement Fee will be applied to the costs of all court ordered abatements and subsequent public nuisance abatements. The \$100 fee was established to have a deterrent effect on property owner neglect of property maintenance violations and to offset the costs associated with the abatement of City Code violations. The fee is in addition to the costs of the contractor's services and shall constitute a lien collectable in the same manner as property taxes.

### Keeping Sidewalks Cleared

It is not unusual to find, on any given day, residents and visitors to Bowie using the public sidewalks to jog, take leisurely strolls and walk their pets. It's the duty of the property owner adjacent to the sidewalk to ensure the sidewalk is kept clear of any obstruction. The property owner is required to remove any weeds or grass growing over the sidewalk. Shrubs and tree branches hanging over the sidewalk are to be trimmed back from over the concrete area. The property owners and their guests are prohibited from parking their cars so as to obstruct a sidewalk. We encourage everyone to respect the rights of those using our sidewalks and allow them to safely walk, jog and enjoy the sidewalk area without any obstruction or hazards.

### Portable Basketball Hoops

Portable basketball hoops are prohibited from being placed or stored on a City street. The street is generally defined as the area that encompasses the pavement and an area beyond the curb, approximately 11 feet. A portable basketball hoop placed on the grass at the curb or on the pavement creates an attractive nuisance that could encourage individuals to play in the street and place them in danger. If you own a portable basketball hoop, remember to place it on your property and keep it out of the street and curb area.

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

## Pet Corner

### Help Your Pet Cope with Loud Noises

Many pets can develop a fear of loud noises. The fear can be heightened during the summer because of the likelihood of afternoon thunderstorms and the increased number of outdoor parties and celebrations. Other loud noises created by a passing motorcycle, truck or car, and even a neighbor's construction project can affect your pet's sense of safety and security. Here are some tips to help your pet cope with loud noises.

Watch where your pet goes during a thunderstorm. A fearful pet will try to find a safe location or room. Usually the area will be a dark interior room, under the bed or they'll want to be close to you. Try to comfort your pet. Don't crate your pet. Allow them to move about. Recognize they will exhibit signs of stress, like drooling, panting and constantly moving about, and don't try to discipline them.

If you know of a celebration or event which could create loud noise, then prepare and lessen the impact of the noise on the animal. Keep the windows and doors of your home closed. Turn on music or a television. Control your own reactions to loud noise, as some pets can sense their owner's fear. Play a game with your pet. If thunderstorms are approaching, close your blinds and turn on the lights. Create a "white noise room". A bathroom is a good place. It is a room which offers some protection from the noise and the ceiling fan can lessen the impact of the frightening noise. Consult with your veterinarian for other remedies and medication if warranted.

For more information, read the Humane Society of the United States article, "Fear of Thunder and Other Loud Noises" at: [www.humanesociety.org/animals/dogs/tips/fear\\_thunder\\_loud\\_noises.html](http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/dogs/tips/fear_thunder_loud_noises.html).

### Never Leave Your Pet in a Parked Car

Do your pet a favor and leave it at home! Don't take your pet and leave it in a parked car, not even for a minute. Even on a cloudy day with the air conditioning on or the windows rolled down, temperatures can rise significantly and endanger your pet.

Leaving a pet unattended endangers its health and may subject the vehicle operator or the owner/custodian to be arrested for animal cruelty. If you do leave a pet unattended, several people are allowed by law to use reasonable force to remove the animal from the vehicle, including law enforcement officers, public safety employees, animal control officers and others. You could be held liable for any damages created during the rescue and for the care of the endangered animal.

Play it safe. Keep your pet at home.

For more information, contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002 or [lransom@cityofbowie.org](mailto:lransom@cityofbowie.org).



## Art Notes

**Gallery News** “Master Class” Exhibit runs through Friday, July 25, 2014. The exhibit includes work by 20 art teachers who teach visual arts in the Prince George’s County Public School System.

“Fun in the Sun” Exhibit opens Monday, July 28, 2014 and runs through October 17, 2014. The artwork in this exhibit depicts scenes of summertime fun, such as carnivals, festivals, games and outings.

**Arts Grants** Applications for Arts Committee grants will be available on the City’s website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) (link from Community to Arts) by mid-August 2014. Deadline for applications is **September 29, 2014**. The Arts Committee awards grants to community groups that provide arts opportunities, such as performances, workshops or classes, for Bowie residents.

For information, contact Annette Esterheld at [aesterheld@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityofbowie.org) or 301-575-5601.

## Education Notes

**Education Grants** Applications for Education Committee grants will be available on the City’s website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) (link from Community to Education) by mid-August 2014. The deadline for applications is **October 20, 2014**. The Education Committee awards grants to schools for projects that benefit Bowie school students.

**Education Forum** The Education Committee is dedicated to providing education forums for the community of Bowie. There will be a forum in October. Details of the forum will be available on the City’s website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) (link from Community to Education), by September 2014.

For more information, contact Annette Esterheld at [aesterheld@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityofbowie.org) or 301-575-5601.

## Bowie Playhouse Presents



### SEX PLEASE, WE’RE SIXTY -- 7/11 - 7/26

Mrs. Stancliffe’s Rose Cottage Bed & Breakfast has been successful for many years. Her guests return year after year. Her next door neighbor, the elderly silver-tongued, “Bud the Stud” Davis believes they come to spend time with him in romantic liaisons, and Mrs. Stancliffe reluctantly accepts the fact that “Bud the Stud” is, in fact, good for business. Add to the guest list three older women, and a retired chemist who has developed a blue pill called “Venusia,” after Venus the goddess of love, to increase the libido of menopausal women. The pill has not been tested. When Bud gets his hands on some of the Venusia pills, the fun begins, as he attempts to entertain all three women! Produced by Bowie Community Theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays. \*Adult language and subject matter. For tickets, visit [www.BCTheatre.com](http://www.BCTheatre.com) or 301-805-0219.

### SHAKESPEARE’S THE TEMPEST -- 8/1 - 8/17

Set on a remote island where Prospero, the rightful Duke of Milan, plots to restore his daughter Miranda to her rightful place using illusion and skillful manipulation. He conjures up a storm, the tempest, to lure his usurping brother Antonio and the complicit King Alonso of Naples to the islands. There his machinations bring about the revelation of Antonio’s lowly nature, the redemption of the King, and romance for Miranda. 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, [www.annapolishakespeare.org](http://www.annapolishakespeare.org) or 410-415-3513.



All performances are at the Bowie Playhouse, located in Whitemarsh Park, 16500 Whitemarsh Park Drive. For ticket sales and information about the theater groups, please contact the theater companies directly. The City of Bowie does not handle the Box Office. All theater groups offer online tickets for shows.



## Summertime is a Busy Time at the Food Pantry

The need for food is greater than ever in the summertime for those that are struggling to feed their families. Without the free or reduced price lunch programs of the schools, more food is needed.

Fortunately, during the summer there are more opportunities for the generous residents of Bowie to provide food for the hungry. In addition to the usual dropoff sites around the City, such as the collection bins at the City Gym, the Senior Center and Kenhill Center, there are a number of activities where food may be donated. The Food Pantry will have a booth at the Farmers' Market, located in the Bowie High School parking lot, each Sunday where fresh as well as nonperishable food can be donated. Nonperishable food can also be donated at each of the free Sunday Sunset Concerts at Allen Pond Park. The concerts go on all summer, from 7 - 8 p.m. through September 7.

For more information, contact the Pantry at 301-262-6765 or [bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com) or visit it on the web at [bowiefoodpantry.org](http://bowiefoodpantry.org). Thank you for your support!

## Bowie Ice Arena



Bowie Ice Arena will open **July 5th** for summer skating. It's a great place to beat the heat! The facility offers summer camps, group lessons, public sessions, birthday parties, pickup hockey, pickup figure skating and stick & puck sessions. For a calendar of activities or to view a brochure with registration information, please 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. Fee for Bowie residents is \$100.

**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. Fee for Bowie residents is \$200.

**Freestyle Skate** – An advanced level speciality day camp, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. during the week of **July 7**, for skaters at the Freestyle level. Camp includes on and off-ice instruction, harness work, strength training, choreography and Pilates or Yoga. Fee for Bowie residents is \$250.

**Hockey Development** – A specialty camp during the weeks of **July 14** and **August 11** for hockey players who have team experience, Mite travel through high school. The camp is directed by former NHL player Dean Melanson. The camp includes: power skating, shooting, stick & puck handling, passing and game situations, as well as dry land training daily.

**2 For 1 Admission to  
Public Skating Session**

**Bowie Ice Arena**

Skate rental \$3

Expires 8/1/14

**\$5 Off Summer Lessons or  
Camp Registration**

**Bowie Ice Arena**

Expires 8/1/14

## Bowie Farmer's Market

The Bowie Farmer's Market is now in full swing! Market patrons will find various types of fresh fruits, vegetables, breads, baked goods, jams, beef, goat meat, ice cream, fresh-cut flowers, bedding plants and more at the Market. The 2014 Farmer's Market is open **Sundays, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**, through October 26, 2014. The Market operates in the parking lot of the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts at Bowie High School, 15200 Annapolis Road. For more information, please contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

## Upcoming Special Events

**July 6 "Community Day"** Equipment demonstrations from local Fire, EMS, Police, and Animal Control ; FREE shaved ice, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**August 10 "Corn Roast"** Enjoy free fresh hot grilled corn on the cob, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**September 21 "Agriculture Awareness Day"** Farm animal petting zoo, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**October 26 "Octoberfest"** Free scarecrow making (participants supply a long-sleeved shirt and trousers). Free pumpkin painting (pumpkins available for purchase at market), 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.



## Need Help Growing Your Business?

Economists agree that Small Businesses play a systemic role in a healthy U.S. economy. Their success directly impacts the U.S. unemployment rate by creating jobs when they win contracts. This assertion is based on numerous economic studies that tout small businesses accounting for almost 70% of the new jobs created in this country.

Accordingly, a plethora of Federal, State and Local government programs exist to provide a wide range of technical assistance and counseling to ensure the success of small business. However, despite the availability of so many resources, finding the right source of assistance has been a tremendous challenge for many small businesses. Many companies remain disillusioned about what it takes to locate opportunities and win government contracts.

So where do I get help? What small business certifications should I pursue? How do I locate small business opportunities with Federal, State, and Local Governments? Do I need a GSA schedule? Is there someone who can help me decipher a government solicitation? If any of these questions reflect your business needs and you are a small business based in the City of Bowie, we have great news.

The Maryland Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MDPTAP) has joined forces with the City of Bowie Economic Development Office to provide just the help you are looking for. MDPTAP has a counselor seated in the Economic Development Center located on the second floor of Bowie City Hall every Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call today and learn how you can receive a one-on-one counseling session with a MDPTAP counselor at 301-403-2740.

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## 7th Annual Business Appreciation Awards Honorees

The Seventh Annual Bowie Business Appreciation Awards were presented May 14, 2014 at a breakfast ceremony at the Comfort Inn Conference Center. These awards are presented jointly by the City and the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce as part of a month-long celebration of May as Business Appreciation Month in our City. This year's awardees are:

**Sage Services Group LLC - Incubator Business of the Year** – Sage Services Group LLC is the standout Bowie Business Innovation Center client of the year in terms of business planning and organization, marketing, contract procurement and job generation. Sage is an innovative, woman-owned consulting firm that develops and delivers workforce re-entry programs. Sage also assists government agencies and nonprofit organizations that implement these types of programs, by providing strategic planning, fund development, project management and programmatic assessment.

**Cynthia and Mark Crockett - Crockett Facilities Services, Inc. (CFSI) - Entrepreneur of the Year** – Crockett Facilities Services, Inc., a woman-owned mechanical contractor, delivers building operations and maintenance, mechanical contracting, and heating and air conditioning services to commercial and government clients. CFSI received the 2013 Top 100 Minority Business Enterprise Award, was named to Engineering News-Record's 2013 top 600 specialty contractors list, the Washington Business Journal's list of top ten mechanical contractors and the top 25 women-owned businesses list.

**Simple Pleasures Ice Cafe - Small Business of the Year** – Owned and operated by Terri and Rodney Russell, Simple Pleasures Ice Café located in Old Town Bowie provides high quality, local, organic products. It manufactures homemade ice cream daily on the premises and serves delicious cakes, pies, cookies, tortes, and pastries that are prepared on-site. Their mission is to provide customers with the highest quality homemade ice cream, desserts, and other menu items, in a clean, comfortable, relaxing environment with exceptional customer service to patrons.

**The Bowie Baysox - Community Service Award** – The Baysox organization has assisted the City with National Night Out, the 5th Grade Poster Contest, Special Olympics and the Bowie Police Explorers Program 5K Family Fun Run. And it has provided access to the parking lot for training purposes. The Bowie Baysox contributions help forge community partnerships and development and provides an exemplary model for other local businesses.

**Bowie Town Center - Green Business of the Year** – Bowie Town Center and its owner, the Simon Property Group, is a leader in green initiatives, providing the first NRG eVgo Freedom station in Prince George's County. They also practice single-stream recycling at all service courts and replaced all parking lot lights with LED bulbs. They are also testing and implementing, company-wide, innovative energy efficiency and waste management processes in an effort to attract successful retailers to its malls with the lure of lower operating costs.

**Inovalon - Business of the Year** – Inovalon was founded in 1998 and moved to Bowie in 2008. It is Bowie's largest private sector employer. It has grown from 550 locally and 1,300 worldwide to 700 locally and over 3,000 worldwide. Inovalon is a healthcare technology company that combines advanced data analytics with highly targeted interventions to achieve meaningful impact in clinical and quality outcomes, utilization and financial performance across the healthcare landscape.

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## 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.

- July 5**      **Sugar Beat**  
*Top 40*
- July 12**     **Off Track**  
*Bluegrass*
- July 19**     **Motor Driven**  
*Classic Rock*
- July 26**     **Project Natale**  
*Jazz*
- Aug. 2**      **Rise Band & Show**  
*R&B/Motown*

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

- July 6**      **U.S. Naval Academy Crabtown Stomper**  
*Jazz*
- July 13**     **U.S. Naval Academy Electric Brigade**  
*Rock/Motown/R&B*
- July 20**     **U.S. Air Force Airmen of Note**  
*Jazz*
- July 27**     **The Winstons**  
*Motown*
- Aug. 3**      **The Electric Company**  
*80's Music*
- Aug. 10**     **U.S. Army Blues**  
*Jazz*
- Aug. 17**     **Ambience**  
*R&B*
- Aug. 24**     **Too Much Trouble**  
*Rock/Classic Rock*
- Aug. 31**     **Fitzmaurice**  
*Country*
- Sept. 7**     **Benfield Brass Band**  
**Salute to America Concert**  
*Patriotic*

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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.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.

## Bowie Youth and Family Services

Bowie Youth and Family Services (BYFS) serves individuals, families and groups in the Bowie community. We offer counseling for all families in the City who have children in the home who are high school age or younger. We also provide groups for parents, children and teens on a variety of topics, including parenting, managing ADHD, and social skill development. Other services include outreach activities and a mentoring program for students at Bowie High School. Our staff members are licensed clinicians who each hold a Master's or Doctoral Degree in a mental health specialty and who have years of training and experience in treating children, teens and their families. Families are encouraged to call 301-809-3033 for more information or to arrange for an appointment.

**TEEN JOB BANK:** Bowie Youth and Family Services sponsors a Teen Job Bank, where residents can find Bowie youth who are looking for opportunities for making extra money, either on an occasional or a regular basis. Residents may use this service to find teens that can help with tasks such as lawn mowing, babysitting, tutoring, shopping or other chores. The particulars of the job and the fees per hour are determined by you and the teen. You may access this program by completing the Teen Job Bank resident application found on the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) or by calling 301-809-3033.

*BYFS is located at the Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive, Bowie, MD 20715.*

## Teens and Adult Volunteers Enjoy Benefits of Mentoring

All youth have the potential to succeed in life and contribute to society. However, not all young people get the support they need to thrive. Mentoring is the presence of caring individuals who, along with parents or guardians, provide young people with support, advice, friendship, reinforcement and constructive examples. Mentoring can and does help young people succeed, no matter what their circumstances!

The Bowie Youth & Family Services Teen Mentoring Program (TMP) at Bowie High School seeks to match students with a caring adult volunteer mentor for the 2014-2015 academic year. Mentors and teens meet weekly during the school day; both voluntarily participate and contribute to the success of the program.

Mentoring works! The TMP invites caring adults to apply to be mentors if you are willing to: make a commitment to a teen for the school year; meet weekly with a teen; agree to an interview and security screening; and, attend initial mentor training and occasional follow-up trainings.

To apply, contact TMP coordinator Rhonda Simon at 301-809-3033 or Prevention Coordinator Andra Berry at 301-809-3080 or [mentor@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mentor@cityofbowie.org).

## Bowie Prevention Network

The Bowie Prevention Network (BPN) is working with local schools and youth serving organizations to help educate and inform parents, teens, and students of all ages about the impact of alcohol and other drugs, especially marijuana, ecstasy and heroin, on the developing human brain.

If you would like to know more or are interested in helping the young people of our community make informed decisions that will impact a lifetime, please contact Andra Berry, Prevention Coordinator, Bowie Youth and Family Services at 301-809-3080 or [aberry@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aberry@cityofbowie.org).

## News of the City Museums



### Mark Your Calendar

#### Horsin' Around Fun - Tuesday Time Travelers

**Tuesday, July 1, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.** at Belair Stable. Youngsters ages 6-11 will have fun "horsing around" while they learn Belair's horse history. Stories, a tour, and a fun craft to take home! Free.

#### Collector's Corner

**Monday, July 7, 2 - 4 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. Learn new (and old!) ways to care for and preserve fine art. Visit with experts, take home new knowledge! Free, but reservations are required. For information, please contact 301-809-3097.

#### Get in the Game! - Tuesday Time Travelers

**Tuesday, July 8, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. Gamesters ages 6-11 are invited to join in morning of 18th and 19th century games. No "Angry Birds" or "Farmville," but trap ball, hoop rolling, graces, giant pick up sticks and lots of fun table games will be included. Participants will make a game to take home. Free.

#### Kids Kaboose

**Tuesdays, July 15 and August 19, 10:30 a.m.** at Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun and games for youngsters ages 1-11. Free.

#### The Enemy Nearly All Around Us

**July 21 - September 12** at Belair Mansion. An exhibit detailing life in this area during the War of 1812. Of particular importance is the effect the campaign in our area had on the Ogle family of Belair and their relatives throughout Prince George's County and in Washington, D.C. The exhibit can be enjoyed during Mansion open hours, Tuesday - Sunday, 12 - 4 p.m. Free.

#### Travelers in Training - Tuesday Time Travelers

**Tuesday, July 22, 10:30 a.m.** at Bowie Railroad Museum. Bowie was born on the railroad! Time Travelers aged 6-11 will discuss Bowie's early history, railroading...learn that "hooping it up" doesn't mean making a lot of noise, and spot a train or two as they whiz by the station. Free.

Be sure to visit the City's website - [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org); additional programs are sometimes added!

***For information on these, or any museum programs, 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.***

#### 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 for the active adult 55 years of age and older.

### South County Senior Center

#### Show Stoppers

**Tuesday, July 8  
12:30 p.m.**

Back by popular demand and ready to delight with their entertainers, dancers and comedy skits. They will make you smile and tap your shoes.

#### An Evening of Magic

**Thursday, July 10  
6 p.m.**

The Bowie Senior Magic Club will dazzle us with a mystical evening of comedy, amazing feats of prestidigitation, mind reading, and magic. Register by July 3. Residents \$5 and nonresidents \$6.

#### An Evening of Jazz Music

**Thursday, July 24  
6 p.m.**

From the Washington, D.C. area, the Yvonne Johnson Trio will fill your evening with upbeat jazz classics in a fun, engaging, and interactive style. Feel the rhythm in your soul. Register by July 17. Residents \$5 and nonresidents \$6.



### Belly Dance Class

**Thursdays, July 31, August 7, 14 and 21  
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.**

Historically, this is a dance of celebration! Instructor Sasha will teach hand and arm movements, slow and fast hip movements, shimmies, walks, and more. The fee for this four-week class is \$20 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. Register at the front desk by July 23.

### Computer Class Registration

**Tuesday, August 12, 10 a.m.**

Registration will continue at the front desk until the first day of class. Classes will begin Monday, September 8 and continue through Friday, October 31. The following classes will be offered: Computer 1 - Introduction and Basics; Computer 2 - Skills Development and Text Editing; Computer 3 - Hardware, Software, and Applications; Word Processing: Using MS Word 2010; Intro to Windows 8.1 and OneDrive; Free Computer Lab (Wednesdays from 1 - 2:30 p.m.); Email and LibreOffice; MS Excel 2010; and Surfing the Web Workshop.

**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**

### **Independence Day**

*Friday, July 4, 2014  
City offices closed. No refuse  
or recycling collection.*

### **National Night Out**

*Tuesday, August 5, 2014  
6 - 8 p.m., Allen Pond Park*

### **11th Annual Back to School**

#### **Bash**

*Saturday, August 16, 2014  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Bowie  
Gymnasium*

### **Labor Day**

*Monday, September 1, 2014  
City offices closed. No refuse  
or recycling collection.*

## **Volunteer to Mark Storm Drains!**

Are you part of a scout, civic, church, parenting, homeschool or other group looking for a volunteer project? We are looking for groups to apply storm drain markers in select areas across the City. Markers are applied to storm drains along the curbs of City-owned streets to increase awareness that water and anything else entering the storm drain flows directly into our streams.

This project can be a one-time weekend or evening event that takes anywhere from 2-5 hours, depending on how long your group wants to work. The task involves the application of a four-inch steel disc marker to the storm drain with an adhesive. All supplies are provided. You simply need to have a group leader and willing volunteers. If Prince George's County students work, they can earn Student Service Learning hours.

If you think your group is interested in this project, please contact the City's Watershed Manager, Tiffany Wright, at 301-809-3043 or [twright@cityofbowie.org](mailto:twright@cityofbowie.org). To see a picture of a marked storm drain, please go to [www.cityofbowie.org/GreenProjects](http://www.cityofbowie.org/GreenProjects). Thanks for your interest in helping us Green Bowie!