

Bowie News Flash

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News

National Night Out Against Crime – August 5, 6 - 8 p.m.

Learn about crime prevention, have some fun, and meet your local law enforcement officers at Bowie's National Night Out Against Crime. Enjoy games, children's activities, free food, fingerprinting demonstrations, and more at this year's event at Allen Pond Park.

Beat the Heat at the Bowie Ice Arena

The Ice Arena reopened last month after a two-month hiatus for maintenance. Summer Skating Camps are underway. The facility offers camps, group lessons, public sessions, birthday parties, pickup hockey, pickup figure skating and stick & puck sessions. For more information, visit us online at www.cityofbowie.org or call 301-809-3090.

Visit the Bowie Farmers' Market

Market vendors offer fresh locally grown produce, fruit, cut flowers, plants, breads, pastries, jams, jellies, meat and more. The market operates 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.

“The Enemy Nearly All Around Us”

Through September 12, 2014, Belair Mansion will host a special exhibit detailing life in this area during the War of 1812. Of particular importance is the effect the local campaign 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. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

Get Reimbursed \$20 Application Fee for Certifying Your Yard as a Backyard Habitat

If you haven't certified your yard as a National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Wildlife Habitat yet, now is a great time! Usually, it costs \$20 to certify your yard, but starting July 30th, the City of Bowie will reimburse that amount to 50 homeowners in the corporate limits of Bowie. Reimbursements will be given on a first come, first served basis until all have been claimed or until the program end date on June 5, 2015.

Go to www.nwf.org/certifiedwildlifehabitat to learn more about the certification and to complete the application. Then, e-mail or mail the receipt for your application certification fee along with your name, address, and phone number to klarson@cityofbowie.org or Ms. Kristin Larson, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716. Allow 2 to 4 weeks for the City of Bowie to send a \$20 reimbursement check to your home address. Electronic certification and reimbursement submissions are preferred for this program. If you need assistance applying online or have any questions about this program, contact the City's Sustainability Planner, Kristin Larson, at 301-809-3044.

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 interested, please contact the City's Watershed Manager, Tiffany Wright, at 301-809-3043 or twright@cityofbowie.org. To see a picture of a marked storm drain, please go to www.cityofbowie.org/GreenProjects. Thanks for your interest in helping us Green Bowie!

Events

8/1 - 8/17 – Shakespeare's The Tempest at Bowie Playhouse 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, visit www.annapolishakespeare.org or call 410-415-3513.

8/1-8/31 - "By Invitation" City Hall Art Gallery Show The City's Arts Committee presents its latest gallery exhibition "By Invitation." The committee invited over 20 of its favorite artists and asked them to each provide two pieces of artwork for this gallery. The result is a fascinating exhibit of photography and paintings that the artists consider some of their favorites.

8/4 –City Council Meeting - 8 p.m. at City Hall.

8/5 – National Night Out Against Crime 6 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. This annual event will include police displays, child fingerprinting, free child ID cards, along with crime prevention and safety information. Children can meet Spiderman and enjoy a moon bounce, dunk tank and free food. Please join us for an evening of family fun!

8/10 – “Corn Roast” at Bowie Farmers’ Market 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the parking lot of the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts at Bowie High School. Come by and enjoy free hot corn on the cob fresh off the grill, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. For more information, please contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

8/10 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – US Army Blues 7 - 8 p.m. at 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.

8/12 – Computer Class Registration – Senior Center 10 a.m. at the Senior Center. 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. For more information, please call 301-809-2300.

8/16 – 11th Annual Back to School Bash 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the City Gym. Games, moon bounces, entertainment, parent resource area, music, food and more. Backpack giveaway to first 300 children ages 4 - 11. Please bring an item for the Bowie Food Pantry. For more information, please contact the Gym at 301-809-2388.

8/17 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – Ambience 7 – 8 p.m. at 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.

8/19 – Kids Kaboose 10:30 a.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.

8/24 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – Too Much Trouble 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.

8/29-8/31 - "Brighton Beach Memoirs" at the Playhouse Fifteen-year-old Eugene Jerome narrates the trials and experiences of his family, fighting the hard times and sometimes each other in 1937 Brooklyn during the heart of the Depression. Dreaming of baseball and girls, Eugene must cope with the mundane existence of his family life which includes a formidable mother, an overworked father, and his worldly older brother

Stanley. Throw into the mix his widowed Aunt Blanche and her two young daughters you have a recipe for hilarity, served up Neil Simon-style. Produced by Prince George's Little Theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays. For tickets, www.pgl.org 301-937-7458.

8/31 – Sunday Sunset Concert Series – *Fitzmaurice* 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.