

Bowie Spotlight

The Official Newsletter of the City of Bowie

July - August 2011

Celebrate America - July 4th at Allen Pond Park!

Salute to America Concert

Independence Day Schedule of Events

5:30 p.m.	Diamond Alley
9 p.m.	Welcome ... Mayor G. Frederick Robinson Introduction of Elected Officials Flag Ceremony National Anthem
9:15 p.m.	Fireworks

The City's Sunday Sunset Concert Series at the Robert V. Setera Amphitheater in Allen Pond Park will conclude with a very special concert on **Sunday, September 11, 2011** from 7 – 8 p.m. This special concert featuring the United States Naval Academy Band will honor and salute the members of the Armed Forces who protect our freedoms each day.

Bring your flags, candles, family and friends 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@cityof-bowie.org.

The City invites everyone to Allen Pond Park, located at 3330 Northview Drive, on Monday, July 4th to celebrate America!

Food and drinks will be on sale throughout the Park beginning at 3 p.m. Entertainment begins at the Robert V. Setera Amphitheater at 5:30 p.m. with the music of Diamond Alley, a premier variety band. Don't miss the fireworks at dark (approximately 9:15 p.m.). Excellent viewing locations and concessions can be found at both the Northview Drive and Mitchellville Road sides of the Park.

Grills are permitted only in designated areas! Due to both safety and humane concerns, pets will not be permitted in Allen Pond Park after 12 p.m. on July 4th. The rain date for fireworks only is Tuesday, July 5th. *For more information, please call 301-809-3011. See Page 6 for traffic and parking information.*

City Newsletter Goes Green

In May, in an effort to save money and reduce its carbon footprint, the City Council approved the production of the *Bowie Spotlight* in an electronic format. With the new format, the newsletter will be posted on the City's website and those who sign up will be notified when each new issue becomes available. In addition, sufficient copies will be printed for distribution to the senior housing communities in the City, as well as to the Senior Center, City Hall, Kenhill Center, the City Gym and the Bowie Branch of the Prince George's County Public Library. In City election years, including this year, a special edition of the newsletter will be mailed to each household prior to the election.

To sign up to receive notification of availability of the newsletter, visit the City's website at www.cityofbowie.org and register with Alert Bowie - select just *Bowie Spotlight* or as many of the categories as you wish.

If you are a City resident and unable to receive the newsletter through any of the above means, the City will mail a copy of each edition to your home. Please submit a request including your name, address and phone number to Cathy Flaherty at City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716 or to cflaherty@cityofbowie.org, or by calling 301-809-3040.

4th Annual Business Appreciation Awards Honorees

The Fourth Annual Bowie Business Appreciation Awards luncheon occurred Friday, May 13, 2011 at Belair Mansion. This joint effort of the City of Bowie Economic Development Committee (EDC) and the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce recognizes businesses and business people who succeed in and help our community. This year's awardees are:

Best Pie Company - Small Business of the Year – Owners Sherman and Patricia McCoy have brought wholesome, and tasty, nostalgia to Bowie! With their wonderful homemade pies and “personal” cupcakes, weekends and holidays see a steady stream of customers to the little pie house on Old Route 450. The McCoy's have turned “comfort desserts” into a cottage industry and are an excellent example of entrepreneurs gone good.

Old Line Bancshares - Business of the Year – Old Line Bank is headquartered in Bowie and provides a variety of commercial banking services. It has a loan portfolio that comprises short to medium term commercial business, commercial real estate, real estate construction, mortgage, home equity, and consumer installment loans. Old Line Bank offers commercial account services, including direct deposit of payroll and an overnight sweep service. The bank serves small and medium-sized businesses, entrepreneurs, professionals, consumers, and high net worth clients. In 2011, Old Line Bancshares acquired Maryland Bankcorp, Inc., the parent company of Maryland Bank & Trust Company. The transaction created the sixth largest independent banking company headquartered in Maryland and traded on a major stock exchange. The transaction merged 10 Old Line Bank branches with 10 MB&T branches, and serves Prince George's, Charles and Anne Arundel Counties.

Diane Goldstein and Denise Cogar - Entrepreneur of the Year – WOW-U Salon was formed by Diane and Denise, who had each been providing hair styling services in the Bowie community for over 15 years at Hair Pizazz at Free State Mall. When Hair Pizazz closed, they decided to start their own business. The WOW-U Salon opened in the Brady Building in 2008. Despite opening their business in difficult economic times, their dedication, work ethic and focus on providing a positive customer experience made their business flourish and prosper. Their success has enabled them to generously provide benefits to the Bowie community. They have provided gift baskets for fundraisers held by the Bowie Health Center and Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce, and provided support to PAWS, Bowie High School and Bowie Community Theater.

Texas Roadhouse - Community Service Award – Texas Roadhouse is generous in donating product and gift certificates for various community events. They worked closely with Bowie High School and the Bowie Teen Get A Job program when opening, and continue to employ Bowie teens. The business contributes support and participates in the Bowie “National Night Out” program sponsored by the Bowie Police Department, and opens each year on Thanksgiving Day when delicious rolls and cinnamon butter are given to customers bringing in donations for the Bowie Interfaith Pantry.

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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Summer at the City Gym

Summer Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 5, 2 - 8 p.m.

The summer months produce a greater need for blood donations. Please give the Gift of Life!

Common Sense Self Defense

**Thursdays and Fridays,
July 7 - 29, 7 - 9 p.m.**

H. James Young, Instructor
Information: H.james@young-sankarate.com or www.young-sankarate.com or 301-651-9516

Summer Basketball Camps

Five Star Basketball Camp

– Boys ages 9-15, July 11 - 15.
Information: www.five-star-foundation.org or 301-762-2121

**Washington Wizards and
Mystics Basketball Camp** –

Boys and girls ages 8-17 (full-day program) and ages 5-7 (half-day program) July 18 - 22. Information: 202-292-1979

HoopKidz Camps – Boys and girls ages 3-13, July 25 - 28. Information: 240-462-9284

8th Annual Back to School Bash!

Saturday, August 20, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tables are free to vendors offering information on fall and winter programming for Bowie youth. The event will also include music, moon bounces, children's games, school supply giveaways and more! For more information, please contact the Gym at 301-809-2388.

Bowie Ice Arena



Bowie Ice Arena will once again offer summer skating camps and group lessons **beginning July 11**. For a brochure with registration information, please visit us online at www.cityofbowie.org or call **301-809-3090**.

Summer Skating Camps

Small Skate – A half-day camp, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. during the weeks of **July 11** and **August 1**, 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 18** and **August 15**, 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.

Learn to Play Hockey – A half-day camp, 2 - 5 p.m. during the week of **July 11**, for children ages 5 - 12 who have skating experience but who have limited or no hockey experience. Skaters must have basic skating skills and full ice hockey equipment. Emphasis will be placed on basic hockey skating, stick handling and puck control. Fee for Bowie residents is \$130.

Freestyle Skate – An advanced level specialty day camp, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. during the week of **August 1**, for skaters at the Freestyle level. Camp includes on and off-ice instruction, strength training, choreography and ballet or Pilates. Fee for Bowie residents is \$225.

Hockey Development – A specialty camp during the weeks of **July 25** and **August 8** for hockey players ages Mite through High School who have team experience. Camp is directed by former NHL player Dean Melanson and Bowie Hockey Club Head Coach Randy Richardson.

2 For 1 Admission

Bowie Ice Arena

Valid during public skating session. Skate rental is \$3.

Expires 8/31/11

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

Bowie Ice Arena

Expires 8/1/11

Bowie Youth Chorus

The City of Bowie's Youth Chorus will be back in the fall, even bigger and better. The Chorus recently sang at Bowiefest in June and presented their third concert in May at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. The Youth Chorus is under the direction of Eleanor Minor and the assistant director is Maryann Jenkins.

Minor plans to expand the group by offering two choruses: the Bowie Youth Chorus, grades 5 - 8, and the Summit Singers, grades 9 -12. The Youth Chorus is open to all youth, grades 5 through 8, who either live in Bowie or attend school in Bowie. The high school group will be audition only. Registration begins August 4. Costs for registration will remain \$50 for Bowie residents, \$55 for non-Bowie residents. Additionally, there will be a costume/music fee for students. Rehearsals are planned for Thursday evenings. Register in person at the Community Services Department at City Hall or download registration forms online, www.cityofbowie.org, to mail in.

For more information about the Bowie Youth Chorus, contact Arts Specialist Annette Esterheld at 301-575-5601 or aesterheld@cityofbowie.org.

Art Notes

New Art Galleries Open Fall 2011 The Arts Committee will open new Art Galleries at City Hall this fall. East and West Galleries are planned and, with one exception, will be located on the second floor of the new building. All exhibits will be juried art. Artists will soon be able to submit their work for adjudication. The first exhibit will be "Belair – 50 Years" and pieces should be representative of this part of Bowie's history. General pieces that highlight special places in the City will also be considered. For more information, go to the City's webpage at www.cityof-bowie.org, or contact Arts Specialist Annette Esterheld at 301-575-5601 or aesterheld@cityof-bowie.org.

Arts Directory The Bowie Arts Committee is looking for artists – not just visual artists, but performing artists as well. The Committee is working on preparing a database/directory of Bowie artists. The directory will eventually be available on the City's website. If you are about arts, the Committee would like to hear from you.

Application forms can be found on the City's website - www.cityofbowie.org, follow the links to "City Committees", then "Arts Committee/Arts Directory".

For more information, contact Arts Specialist Annette Esterheld at 301-575-5601 or aesterheld@cityofbowie.org.

Education and Community Outreach Grants Available

Funds have been appropriated in the FY12 Budget to support education programs and outreach activities in the community. Grants are reviewed and programs to fund are selected by the Education and Outreach Committees. Grant applications and instructions will be available after August 1, 2011. Individuals interested in submitting an application to be considered for these grants can download the application form from the City website at www.cityofbowie.org after August 1.

Questions can be directed to the Committee Chairpersons Dale Grant (Outreach Committee) at dgrant2@juno.com or Dawn Brodus-Yougha (Education Committee) at d.brodusyougha@gmail.com.

City Excellence in Education

Scholarship Awards

The City awards scholarships for “**Excellence in Education**” to graduating high school students who are residents of Bowie. This spring, the Education Committee received 21 eligible applications from very talented, creative, well-rounded applicants. Four students were selected to receive scholarships.

On Monday, May 2nd a reception was held to honor the scholarship winners, and later that evening the students were recognized at a City Council meeting and awarded the scholarships. Congratulations to the 2011 Excellence in Education Scholarship winners. We wish the following students great success in their studies:

- **Suzanne Betts** - Bowie High School graduate attending Wesleyan University.
- **Kathryn Busch** - Elizabeth Seton High School graduate attending St. John's University.
- **Catherine Hamel** - Elizabeth Seton High School graduate attending University of Maryland, College Park.
- **Erin St. Germain** - Bowie High School graduate attending University of Maryland, College Park.

Since 1997, the City has awarded scholarships to over 63 students. If you would like to know more about the City's scholarship program, please contact Education Committee Chair Dawn Brodus-Yougha at d.brodusyougha@gmail.com or Scholarship Chairperson Steven Theodore at Steven.Theodore@Comcast.net.

Bowie Farmer's Market

The Bowie Farmer's Market is now in full swing! Patrons will find various types of fresh fruits and vegetables, breads and baked goods, jams and jellies, salsa, herbs, fresh cut flowers, bedding plants and blue crabs at this “Producers-Only” market. The Farmer's Market is open **Sundays, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**, through October 30, 2011. 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@cityof-bowie.org.

Upcoming Special Events

July 3 “Community Day”

Meet members of the Bowie Fire Department, Bowie Police and the Bowie Park Rangers while enjoying a free snow cone, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

August 7 “Corn Roast”

Free, fresh, hot grilled corn on the cob served while supplies last compliments of the Bowie Farmer's Market vendors, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

September 18 “Agriculture Awareness Day”

Farm animal petting zoo, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

October 23 “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.



Absentee Ballots Available for November 8, 2011 City Election

In accordance with Section 6-30 of the City Code, any qualified voter of the City who may be unavoidably absent from the City or who is otherwise prevented from being present and personally voting at the polls may make application for an absentee voting ballot. Applications are available from the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, or on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org.

Application for an absentee ballot must be made in writing and signed by the applicant. If the applicant is unable to sign, the application must bear the mark of the applicant. The application must be presented to the City Board of Elections in person or by mail to 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, Maryland 20716, no later than 5 p.m. on November 7th.

When the application is received by mail, the City Clerk will issue the absentee voting ballot by return mail; when the application is presented in person, the City Clerk will issue the absentee voting ballot to the voter or duly authorized agent. Persons receiving absentee ballots will also be furnished official self-addressed return envelopes for use in returning the marked ballots. Only those ballots received in official return envelopes shall be counted and considered properly cast. All absentee ballots must be received by the Board of Elections by the closing of polls at 8 p.m. on November 8, 2011.

4th of July Traffic Information

Parking

Handicapped parking ONLY is available, with proper identification, in the main parking lot at Allen Pond Park located off of Northview Drive.

Public parking is available at the Mitchellville Road soccer fields (beginning at 5 p.m.) and on side streets.

Parking is prohibited along the Enfield Chase side of Northview Drive from Health Center Drive to Mitchellville Road.

A drop-off zone will be set up along Northview Drive from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. Individuals are asked to unload vehicles and then immediately remove the vehicle from the drop-off zone. Unattended vehicles will be ticketed and towed.

Exit Traffic Plan - In Effect 9:30 - 11 p.m.

Traffic exiting the parking lot of Allen Pond Park must turn right onto Northview Drive. Northview Drive will be two lanes out to Route 197 and one lane toward Mitchellville Road.

Traffic exiting Nottingham Drive must turn left onto Northview Drive toward Route 197. Traffic on Nottingham Drive is two-way. Traffic exiting Nottingham Drive onto Mt. Oak Road must turn right onto Mt. Oak Road.

Vehicles traveling south on Mitchellville Road toward Route 301 may turn left onto Mt. Oak Road. All traffic leaving the Mitchellville Road ballfield site must turn right onto Mitchellville Road toward Route 197.

Traffic northbound on Route 197 **will not** be allowed to turn left onto Northview Drive. Only traffic traveling southbound on Route 197 (toward Route 301) will be allowed to turn right onto Northview Drive.

Please obey the directions of the City of Bowie and Prince George's County Police Officers, as changes may occur.

Thank you for your cooperation. For more information, contact City Hall at 301-809-3011.

Playhouse Adds Fourth Resident Company

The Bowie Playhouse, located inside the City's Whitemarsh Park, is adding a fourth resident company, Annapolis Shakespeare Company. Just founded in 2009, the Annapolis Shakespeare Company's mission is to "provide young people with performing arts opportunities which will inspire and educate the next generation of performing artists and theater patrons." Since its founding, the founder and director Sally Boyett-D'Angelo has worked with over 150 middle school and high school students.

The cast of its fall 2009 production of Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew* was invited to perform at the Folger Secondary School Shakespeare Festival in March 2010. They received a grant from the Folger and again were asked to perform in its 2011 Shakespeare Festival, this time *Hamlet*. The company recently finished a production of the classic American play *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder. This summer it is offering workshops along with preparing for its production of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, which will be its first show at the Bowie Playhouse.

The Annapolis Shakespeare Company will be joining the three Playhouse resident companies, Bowie Community Theatre, 2nd Star Productions, and Prince George's Little Theatre, in presenting year-round entertainment at this City-owned Playhouse.

Bowie Playhouse Presents



LANGUAGE OF ANGELS -- 7/22 - 8/6

A trio of interwoven ghost stories is set in the cave country of rural North Carolina. After a young girl is lost in a cave on the edge of town, there is a Rashomon-like investigation of her disappearance and the fate of those who survive her. *Language of Angels* is a deeply human story of working-class youth bound by poverty and pushed to the limits of friendship as they deal with grief and loss in their lives. Presented by Bowie Community Theatre, 301-805-0219 or www.BCTheatre.com.

SHAKESPEARE'S TWELFTH NIGHT -- 8/11 - 8/20

Twelfth Night or *What You Will* is a comedy believed to have been written as twelfth night entertainment for the close of the Christmas season in the early 1600s. The play centers on mistaken identity and love.

The leading character Viola is shipwrecked and loses contact with her brother Sebastian, whom she thinks has died. She masquerades as a young page for Orsino, the Duke of Illyria. Orsino has convinced himself that he is in love with the bereaved Lady Olivia, whose father and brother have recently died, and who will have nothing to do with any suitors. Olivia falls in love with the page and Viola falls in love with Orsino. Confused? There's more to this twisted and funny plot. Presented by Annapolis Shakespeare

Company, 410-703-1289 or www.annapolishakespeare.org.

THE FOREIGNER -- 8/26 - 9/10

The Foreigner is an inspired comic romp, rich in inventive hilarity as is the author's classic comedy *The Nerd*. Based on what the New York Post describes as a "devilishly clever idea," the play demonstrates what can happen when a group of devious characters must deal with a stranger who (they think) knows no English. Mention *The Foreigner* to anyone who knows the show and they will automatically smile, if not laugh. Presented by 2nd Star Productions, 301-832-4819.



All performances are on weekends 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.

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 1, 2011** 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. 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 www.cityof-bowie.org (select Leisure Activities, then Special Events). You can also contact City Hall at 301-809-3011 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Bowie Youth and Family Services (BYFS)

BYFS has moved to another location within the newly named Kenhill Center at 2614 Kenhill Drive. It is now located in the center of the building inside the center entrance door in Room 203. All of the services remain the same including the groups, family counseling, Teen Mentoring Program, Teen Job Bank and prevention activities. The phone number remains as **301-809-3033**. BYFS offers counseling 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.

COST: Families and individuals residing within the corporate limits of the City of Bowie will be charged \$20 per session with a counselor beginning July 1, 2011. Participants in the program who reside outside the City limits will be charged \$30.

STAFF: BYFS staff is composed of master and doctoral level clinicians with extensive training in family counseling plus professionals in the field of community outreach and program development.

REFERRALS: Families are encouraged to call 301-809-3033 for more information or to make an appointment. An initial intake will be done either by phone or in person.

TEEN JOB BANK: Teens can go online or call 301-809-3033 for an application to sign up to help citizens with jobs like baby-sitting, snow shoveling, lawn and yard work, housework, etc. You must be 13-17 years old to sign up. Residents can call 301-809-3033 to get names of teens who are willing to help you for a fee.

Bowie Well on Its Way to Becoming a "Community Wildlife Habitat"

As the *Spotlight* goes to press, Bowie is approaching the halfway mark for achieving the benchmarks needed to become a National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Community Wildlife Habitat. What's needed? To join the ranks of more than 50 communities that have coordinated efforts to create and enhance wildlife habitat, Bowie needs to have at least 200 homes, five schools, and six community sites (such as businesses, places of worship, and public spaces) certified by NWF. So far, we have nearly 100 certified sites, including homes, one place of worship, and three schools.

How do residents, schools, places of worship, businesses, and others certify their property as a wildlife habitat? First, provide the four basic elements that all wildlife need to thrive: (1) food, such as native fruiting trees and shrubs; (2) water, such as a pond or well-maintained birdbath; (3) cover, such as ground covers and evergreens; and (4) places to raise young, such as nesting boxes or host plants for caterpillars. Second, submit an application (and small fee) to NWF showing how you provide habitat. That's it! Your certificate will arrive by mail. NWF provides a list of Bowie addresses that receive certification, and the City's Planning Department maintains a current list and map of certified properties.

Tips for providing habitat, and for sustainable and neighbor-friendly gardening practices including ensuring that your habitat complies with animal control and other City codes can be found at www.nwf.org/Get-Outside/Outdoor-Activities/Garden-for-Wildlife.aspx and on the City's Green Page (www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie/backyard_habitats.asp). Additional resources for schools include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's updated guide, at www.fws.gov/chesapeake-bay/schoolyd.htm.

For more information or to join the Bowie Gardens for Wildlife Habitat Team, a group of citizens that works in conjunction with the City's Environmental Advisory Committee to help Bowie become certified, email bowiegardens4wildlife@yahoo.com, visit "Bowie Gardens for Wildlife" on Facebook, or call the City's Watershed Manager Tiffany Wright at 301-809-3043.

Challenge Yourself With Our "Recycling Quiz"

The heat-and-eat meal you purchased at the grocery store comes in a plastic bowl made from corn. How do you dispose of it?

Answer: See www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie.



New Fertilizer Application Law

Maryland House Bill 573, entitled "The Maryland Fertilizer Use Act of 2011" and sponsored by Delegate Jim Hubbard, limits the nutrient content of lawn fertilizer and restricts when it may be applied by homeowners. It was signed into law by Governor Martin O'Malley in May to help the State clean up the Bay. The law was championed by the Chesapeake Bay Commission.

The law prohibits homeowners from using fertilizer from November 15 to March 1. Additionally, fertilizer can contain no phosphorus unless it is for specific uses, such as establishing a lawn or repairing turf. The law also restricts the amount, and type of nitrogen that can be used in fertilizer, and requires that at least 20 percent of nitrogen be slow-release.

The law stipulates that no fertilizer can be labeled for use as a deicer. Labels must contain a statement warning users not to apply it near water, storm drains and drainage ditches, or if heavy rain is expected.

Homeowners who violate the law may be subject to a \$1,000 fine.

For additional information about the bill, visit the Maryland General Assembly website - <http://mlis.state.md.us>.

2011 Saturday Concert Series

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

Old Town Bowie, 2 - 4 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 9** **Project Natale**
Jazz
- July 16** **Durham Station**
Bluegrass
- July 23** **d.c. Motors**
Classic Rock
- July 30** **Tiger Style**
Classic/Folk/Rock
- Aug. 6** **2nd Story Band**
Funky Blues/Swing

For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.



2011 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 10** **US Air Force Max Impact**
Pop
- July 17** **The Winstons**
Motown
- July 24** **40 Dollar Fine**
Classic Rock/Country
- July 31** **Prince George's Art Council**
TBA
- Aug. 7** **The Electric Company**
80's Music
- Aug. 14** **The McDuffies**
Country
- Aug. 21** **Joe Tichy**
Acoustic Rock
- Aug. 28** **US Army Blues**
Jazz
- Sept. 4** **Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition**
Bluegrass
- Sept. 11** **US Naval Academy**
Salute to America Concert
Patriotic

For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

National Night Out

August 2, 2011

The Bowie Police Department will celebrate National Night Out on August 2nd from 6 - 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park.

National Night Out is a nationwide crime and drug prevention event designed to promote information sharing and community strength. The event will include police displays, child fingerprinting, free child ID cards, crime prevention and safety information. Children can meet Spiderman and enjoy a moonbounce, dunk tank, activities and free food. Please join us for an evening of family fun.

Weekly Spraying Schedule

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

Tuesdays

9 p.m. - 4 a.m.

Belair Greens
Bowie Forest
Bowie Station
Buckingham
Chapel Forge
Derbyshire
Fairview
Fletcherstown Road
Foxhill
Forest Drive
Glenridge
Grady's Walk
Highbridge Park
Hillmeade Station Addition
Huntington
Huntington Crest
Idlewild
Kenilworth
Long Ridge
Meadowbrook
Meadowbrook Townhouses
Northridge
Old Chapel Estates
Olde Stage
Overbrook
Princeton Square
Race Track Rd. Townhouses
Rockledge
Rolling Hills
Saddlebrook
Saddlebrook West
Somerset
Stewart's Landing
Sumner Chase
Tulip Grove
Victoria Heights
Westview
Whitehall
Yorktown

Wednesdays

9 p.m. - 4 a.m.

Amber Meadows
Ashleigh
Ashleigh Station
Bowie Commons
Collington Manor
Collington Station
Covington
Devonshire
Enfield Chase
Ensleigh
Essington
Evergreen Estates
Glen Allen
Governor's Green
Greystone
Grovehurst
Heather Hills
Lake Village Manor
Longleaf
Mitchellville Rd. Townhouses
Mitchellville East
Northview
Oak Pond
Oaktree
Palisades
Peach Preserve
Pointer Ridge North
Pointer Ridge South
Ridgeview Townhouses
Tall Oaks
Tall Oaks Crossing
Ternberry
Vistas
Woodmore Estates
Woodmore Highlands

Mosquito Control Program Underway

The City's 2011 Mosquito Control Program began with spring larviciding in April. The regular season began May 11 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 nights (South Bowie).

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 left. 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 csullivan@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.

Pet Waste - What a Nuisance It Can Be

Everyone should be concerned with animal waste and the effect it may have on our health, our environment and the well-being of our pets. Several diseases can be transmitted to humans after contact with pet feces and we don't want our children handling animal excrement. We want to protect our pets because they can contract canine parvo, whipworms and other diseases from fecal matter. The accumulation of feces in our yards can foul the air and create a public nuisance. Pet waste can also create a health hazard by polluting our storm water system or by providing a food source for rodents and other unwanted animals.

The Bowie City Code addresses the issue of animal waste:

- **Sections 4-13, (c), 15-3 and 11-3.** A public nuisance exists when an animal's uncleanliness or deposit of excrement causes odor or unsanitary conditions.
- **Sections 4-17 and 17-2.** Anyone owning or keeping a companion animal shall immediately remove and properly dispose of the excrement deposited by the animal from private property, other than their own, or from public property, including City sidewalks, streets and City parks.

It is the responsibility of every pet owner or custodian to properly dispose of pet waste. Pet owners must frequently clean their yards of pet excrement. When walking your dog or cat, immediately clean up the waste. Do not toss your pet's excrement into a storm drain or sewer and don't expect it to dissolve into the ground. Carry a pet waste bag and dispose of your animal's waste with your other solid waste.

Don't Leave Your Pet In a Car

These summer months can take a toll on companion pets when they are left in a motor vehicle. Merely lowering a window will not reduce the buildup of heat in your car. The temperatures inside the vehicle can rise rapidly and create a significant health risk to your pet. When you can, leave your pet at home. If it is necessary to take your pet with you on warm days, have a responsible adult remain in the air conditioned vehicle with your pet while you complete your errands.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The City's Neighbors Helping Neighbors program, has been established for several years. As a public service, the program was designed to assist senior citizens and handicapped individuals with financial or physical limitations to rectify potential or actual City code violations. The program has helped many residents to repair or resolve issues such as dead trees, overgrown shrubs, fallen fencing and other minor repairs.

If you are in need of assistance or would like to participate in the Neighbors Helping Neighbors program, please contact the Community Services Department at 301-809-3013 or eedwards@cityofbowie.org. You may visit our website for more details at www.cityofbowie.org/Information/neighbors_helping.asp. Applications for assistance and to volunteer are available online.

Code Corner ... Loud or Raucous Noise that Annoys Others

Chapter 13, Section 13-3 of the City Code prohibits “loud or raucous sound” so as to “cause unreasonable annoyance to or disturbance to others living or located nearby”. An integral part of this section is the offending noise must be a disturbance to more than one person. The ordinance is intended to address a public nuisance; not a private nuisance. More than one person must be annoyed or disturbed before a municipal infraction may be issued. Section 13-3 (b) specifies that no municipal infraction citation shall be issued except upon the submission of an “Application for the Issuance of a Municipal Infraction” by at least two witnesses residing in separate households. Requiring the loud sound to be offensive to more than one person deters the use of the noise ordinance as a tool to annoy or harass a next door neighbor.

When you experience disturbing loud or raucous sound in your neighborhood, the Code Compliance Office recommends you document the day, time, date, and length of time the noise exists. Note the origin of the noise, the type of noise and ask your neighbors if they were also annoyed. If other noise abatement measures fail, your documentation will properly prepare you to apply for a municipal infraction against the offending party.

Note: It is very important for owners of commercial properties, including private pools, restaurants, and other outdoor establishments to remember the Environmental Noise Ordinance applies to them too. We all should be aware of the level of noise we create and the effects it may have on neighbors and the community. Please respect the right of others to a reasonably peaceful and quiet environment.

For more information, please contact the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 or lransom@cityof-bowie.org.

No Smoking on City Property

By City Ordinance smoking is now prohibited on **all** City property.

Section 15-9 of the City Code took effect in May of this year and prohibits smoking by anyone on any City property or in any City facility. This includes all City-owned parks and ballfields as well as parking lots and buildings. You will see signs at facilities and event locations reminding visitors of this new law. Information about the new law will be included on all picnic and field rental permits. Park Rangers and other City staff will work to educate those seen smoking.

The fine for violating this City Code is \$50 and can be enforced if a friendly request is ignored. We ask your cooperation in helping to make Bowie a better place to live. Please leave your cigarettes, cigars and pipes at home. It will be healthier for you and better for others and the environment.

For more information, please contact the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 or lransom@cityof-bowie.org.

News of the City Museums



Mark Your Calendar

Dixieland at the Railroad

Sunday, July 10, 7 p.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Join the Boonetown Stompers for a musical trip back to Bowie's early railroad days. No reservations required. Free.

Get In the Game - Tuesday Time Travelers

Tuesday, July 12, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Youngsters ages 6-11 will participate in 18th century games and fun. No reservations required. Free.

A History of the Radio Corporation of America

Saturday, July 16, 2 p.m. at Radio and Television Museum. At one time, RCA was the world's best known electronics firm. Come and hear the interesting story of how this famous company was created, grew, and then passed from the scene. Presented by Dr. Brian Belanger, Museum Director. Free.

Kids Kaboose at Bowie Railroad Station Museum

Tuesdays, July 19 and August 16, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Railroad fun and games for youngsters ages 1-11. Free.

Campfire Stories With Bowie Rangers

Saturday, July 23, 7 - 8 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Kids of all ages can share stories and fun. No reservations required. Free.

Mrs. Rumney's Housewifery School for Young Ladies

Monday, August 1, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Young ladies will learn the skills of 18th century housewifery from Colonel Tasker's housekeeper. Ages 6-11. \$15 per child. Reservations required.

It's Not All On the Wall - Tuesday Time Travelers

Tuesday, August 9, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Youngsters ages 6-11 are invited to take a look at art and objects at Belair Mansion. No reservations required. Free.

Marching with Rochambeau

Saturday, August 27, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Visit with Patriot and Loyalist soldiers as they commemorate General Rochambeau's march to Yorktown in 1781. Visit camps, watch a skirmish, and gossip with the ladies at their sewing circle. Free.

For information on these, or any museum programs, please call 301-809-3089 or email 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.

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 and older.

Sizzlin' Summer Activities

The Center's Program and Activity Committee has listened and responded to some of the suggestions that members have provided through a recent Center Survey. As a result, the Center is offering an exciting and diverse selection of short programs to fit nicely into your casual summer schedule. What a wonderful opportunity to take advantage of longer days by sampling some evening summer programs. All programs are FREE. Bring a friend and join us.

Is Your Fat Your Fault?

**Thursday, July 7
7 - 8 p.m.**

Wellness Coordinator Mark Shields discusses the top ten exercise and nutritional myths that make losing weight difficult.



Exploring the Latest Technology

Thursday, July 14, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Does the Nook, Kindle, Digital Camera, iPod, etc. leave you curious and confused? Allow the experts to explain. Presented by Best Buy.

Tips on Safety, Fraud and Scams for Seniors

Thursday, July 14, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Presented by the City of Bowie Police Department.

Evening Armchair Tour of China

Tuesday, July 19, 7 - 8 p.m.

Host Bill Cramer reviews his 2005 visit to China with stops in Beijing, the Great Wall of China, and Shanghai. Beijing highlights include Tiananmen Square, the Mao Mausoleum, the Forbidden City, Ming Tombs and Summer Palace. Shanghai highlights include Pudong, the Bund and Huangpu River waterfront, and the thousands of high-rises which dot the area.

Grief and Loss Workshop

Tuesday, July 26, 6 - 8 p.m.

Journey through the process of grief with Dorotea Gonzalez, RN, BSN, MSN. In a caring environment explore the types of grief, factors that influence grief, emotions, and the healing process of grief.

Bowie Senior Center, 14900 Health Center Drive

301-809-2300, www.bowieseniorcenter.org

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

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Parent Internet Safety Tips

from the City's Public Safety Committee

Unfortunately, the same advances in computer and telecommunication technology that allow our children to reach out to new sources of knowledge are also leaving them vulnerable to exploitation and harm by computer offenders. The following guidelines were prepared from actual investigations by the FBI involving child victims and may be signs that your child is at risk while online:

- Most children who fall victims to computer offenders spend large amounts of time online especially in chat rooms and especially at night.
- Your child is receiving calls from individuals you don't know or may be making possibly long distance calls to numbers you don't recognize.
- Your child receives mail, gifts or packages from someone you don't know.
- Your child turns the computer monitor off or quickly changes the screen when you enter the room.
- Your child becomes withdrawn from the family.
- Your child is using an online account belonging to someone else.

You can help minimize the chances of your child becoming a victim by communicating and talking to your child about online danger. Also, keep the computer in a common room in the house and not in your child's bedroom. Additional information on protecting your children may be found by visiting the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children website - www.missingkids.com.
