

# Bowie Spotlight

The Official Newsletter of the City of Bowie

July - August 2012

## Celebrate Independence Day at Allen Pond Park!

## Salute to America Concert

### Schedule of Events

8 - 9 p.m.	U.S. Air Force Airmen of Note
9 p.m.	Welcome ... Mayor G. Frederick Robinson Introduction of Elected Officials Flag Ceremony National Anthem
9:15 p.m.	Fireworks

The City's Annual Salute to America Concert is set to take place on **Sunday, September 9, 2012** from 7 - 8 p.m. The Concert will be the final show of the Sunday Sunset Concert Series and is dedicated to those lost in the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001 and to those service personnel lost since that time.

The Mayor will mark the event with a few words and the music, provided by the United States Naval Academy Band, will be patriotic in nature.

The City will distribute candles (as well as flags) for a candle-light vigil of remembrance. For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

The City invites everyone to Allen Pond Park, located at 3330 Northview Drive, on **Wednesday, 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 8 p.m. with the music of the U.S. Air Force Airmen of Note, the Air Force's premier jazz 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 Thursday, July 5th. For more information, please call 301-809-3011. See **Page 6** for traffic and parking information.

## New Administrative Hours for the Bowie Police Department

The Bowie Police Department has expanded its administrative hours to better serve members of the community. The new hours are Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. The administrative offices are closed on the weekend and all holidays.

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

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## 5th Annual Business Appreciation Awards Honorees

The Fifth Annual Bowie Business Appreciation Awards luncheon occurred Friday, May 11, 2012 at the West Bowie Village Hall. 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:

**Mama Cocoa's Delights - Small Business of the Year** – Owner Tamara Thomas creates gorgeous candies and cakes that are also totally organic in nature. Her supplies are “green” as is much of her workspace. She creates products that please the heart, stomach, and soul with obvious care for the impact on our community.

**Grace's Fortune - Business of the Year** – Grace's Fortune was famous even before Bowie became the “hot” locale it has become! Entertainers and athletes, such as Michael Jordan and others, would travel to Bowie when in the D.C. area to enjoy Grace's innovative and delicious Asian cuisine. Owner Grace Tang has expanded her brand into two new establishments in Prince George's County, including a destination locale at National Harbor. She has shown others the way to build from a Bowie base to a regional powerhouse!

**MOM's Organic Market - Green Business of the Year** – From buying local wherever possible to reduced fuel usage to selling water filters and reusable bottles rather than bottled water, MOM's puts into practice a myriad of “green” practices. In addition, Mom's helps others recycle by serving as an ink cartridge, plastic bottle cap, and C.F.L. bulb drop off point. MOM's also offers employees a “Green Benefits” package which includes a \$3,000 incentive for the purchase of a hybrid vehicle as well as a 20% subsidy incentive to purchase Energy Star appliances and electric lawnmowers. Service to the community through wise environmental choices is the goal of MOM's Organic Market.

**Mark Torsani - Entrepreneur of the Year** – Mark Torsani of Chesapeake Grille & Deli joined our business community as the first franchise owner of the Outback Steakhouse in Bowie. Later, he opened his first Chesapeake Grille in Dunkirk and then opened his newest location at Hilltop Plaza in Bowie. Bowie's Chesapeake Grille and Deli is known for outstanding food and service at its Hilltop location and in catering venues. Mr. Torsani has also been a generous and active supporter of community activities and events.

**Best Buy - Community Service Award** – Bowie's Best Buy has been a strong and active partner with the Bowie Police Department and has sponsored gift cards for the “Shop with a Cop” program. This program affords underprivileged children the opportunity to purchase gifts for themselves and their families during the holiday season. The store has also been extremely generous in providing raffle items and gift cards for the Bowie Police Explorers Program. Best Buy has also been an active participant in the National Night Out Program. Their efforts as a public safety partner have served as a model for other local businesses.

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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

### Basketball Camps

**6th Man Sports Elite High School Basketball Camp** – July 2 only. Information: [www.go6thman.com](http://www.go6thman.com)

**Five Star Basketball Camp** – Boys ages 9-15, July 9 - 13. Information: [www.five-starfoundation.org](http://www.five-starfoundation.org) or 301-762-2121

**Washington Wizards and Mystics Basketball Camp** – Boys and girls ages 8-15 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) and ages 5-7 (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.) July 16 - 20. Information: [www.wizardsmysticscamps.com](http://www.wizardsmysticscamps.com)

**DMV All Star Academy 2012 Basketball Camp** – July 23 - 27. Information: [www.AllStarAcademy2012.com](http://www.AllStarAcademy2012.com)

**Breakout Activity Camp** – Coed, 1st - 8th graders, August 6 - 10 and August 13 - 17. Information: [Breakcamp@yahoo.com](mailto:Breakcamp@yahoo.com)

### 9th Annual Back to School Bash!

**Saturday, August 18, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Games, moon bounces, entertainment, parent resource area, music, food and more. Backpack give-away to first 300 children ages 4 - 12. Please bring an item for the Bowie Food Pantry. Vendor space is still available. For more information, please contact the Gym at 301-809-2388.

*Please note: The Gym will close August 20, 2012 and remain closed for a short period for maintenance.*

## Bowie Ice Arena



Bowie Ice Arena will open **July 7th** 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 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 a.m. – 12 p.m. during the weeks of **July 9** and **July 30**, 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 23** and **August 13**, 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 9**, for children ages 4 - 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 **July 30**, 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 16** and **August 6** for hockey players ages Mite travel through High School who have team experience. Camp is directed by former NHL player Dean Melanson.

**2 For 1 Admission**

**Bowie Ice Arena**

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

Expires 8/31/12

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

**Bowie Ice Arena**

Expires 8/7/12

## Calling All Artists, Crafters and Performers

The arts-friendly City of Bowie is home to a number of artists, crafts persons and performers. To celebrate the unique talents of our hometown artistic community, the City's Arts and Economic Development Committees want to create a database of local artistic information. The City will use the data for two important projects: a Bowie Artists Directory and a possible application to the State of Maryland for designation as an Arts and Entertainment District.

Maryland is one of the first states in the country to develop Arts and Entertainment Districts on a statewide basis. The benefits offered to designated districts include property tax credits for new construction or renovation of certain buildings that create live-work space for artists and/or space for arts and entertainment enterprises, an income tax subtraction modification for income derived from artistic work sold by "qualifying residing artists," and an exemption from the Admissions and Amusement Tax levied by an "arts and entertainment enterprise" or "qualifying residing artist" in a district. Arts and Entertainment Districts will further the goals of Smart Growth by locating within a Priority Funding Area and by carefully coordinating with local plans and policies for economic development.

To be eligible for State designation as an Arts and Entertainment District, the City must document its existing arts and cultural assets. Hence, the City is asking local artists, crafts persons and performers to complete a survey so it will have up-to-date listings of its artists, the specialties, and the primary location of their work. Please complete the survey, found at <http://www.surveymonkey/s/bowieartists2012>, by **August 31, 2012**.

For additional information, please contact Economic Development Director John Henry King at [jhking@cityofbowie.org](mailto:jhking@cityofbowie.org).

## Art Notes

**Allen Pond Park Mural** The Bowie Arts Committee continues its Public Arts projects with a mural at the Allen Pond Boathouse. Committee member George Tuggle, a local Bowie Artist, is preparing to paint a mural on the north side of the boathouse. George estimates that the 7' x 20' horizontal mural will be completed by summer's end.

**Gallery News** Experience a garden inside City Hall by viewing "*Efflorescence*" the floral themed exhibit now on display in the City Hall Gallery. This juried art show, featuring local artists, will run from **June 25 - September 29**.

The next exhibit, "*City Lights*" will be juried on Saturday, September 29, 2012. A call for artists, providing specific requirements for art to be submitted for this next show, is available on the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

If you are an artist interested in having your work shown in a City gallery, the Guidelines and Requirements for Artists are available on the City website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).

**Arts Grants** The Bowie Arts Committee is accepting Arts Grants applications. A total amount of \$4,000 will be awarded to one or more individuals or groups who develop projects that involve Bowie residents in an arts experience. While applicants need not be Bowie residents, a significant number of Bowie's residents must be involved in the project. Workshops, performances, lessons, hands-on arts experiences, and other type of creative project will be considered.

Application forms and information will be available on the City website after July 16. For information, contact Arts Committee Chairperson Kathleen Parker at [kmep@verizon.net](mailto:kmep@verizon.net) or 301-249-8783, or City Arts Specialist Annette Esterheld at [aesterheld@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityofbowie.org) or 301-575-5601. Completed applications must be submitted by **September 28, 2012**.

## Bowie Business Innovation Center Launched at Bowie State University

The Bowie Business Innovation Center (Bowie BIC), located at Bowie State University, is a new resource for entrepreneurs and early stage companies in the Bowie area. It is a mixed-use business incubation program which targets growth-oriented professional service firms and technology firms in the industries and markets which reflect the composition of the Bowie business community.

Bowie BIC works with a variety of client companies including: professional service companies (business consultants, project management companies, financial services and training companies); information technology companies (software and hardware developers, network services, information assurance and social media companies); government contractors; construction-related companies; home-based businesses; and Bowie State University related companies.

Bowie BIC offers furnished office space with high-speed internet service, telephone/voice mail, and reception services on a flexible, monthly lease basis. Conference and meeting space is included.

Business incubation is the process of supporting and accelerating the growth of young companies through a coordinated program of support services. The Bowie BIC business development services include business plan review and strategic support services, mentoring, networking, marketing support and educational programs designed for its client companies. Bowie BIC also assists client companies by actively engaging its network of professional service providers and investors. Bowie State University student interns are available to assist Bowie BIC client companies. Bowie BIC even assists its clients with identifying, applying for and securing the most appropriate funding available.

A free monthly "Lunch and Learn" series at Bowie BIC presents expert speakers on a range of business topics of interest to entrepreneurs. Upcoming sessions include "Legal Tips for Entrepreneurs" with Carroll James Harris of Harris & Associates LLC on **July 25** and "Tax Tips for Entrepreneurs" with Greg Busink of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP on **September 26**. In addition, counselors from the Maryland Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the Procurement and Technical Assistance Program (PTAP) hold office hours at Bowie BIC each week.

The Bowie BIC has a dual mission - to spur economic development and retain business growth in the Bowie community by providing an integrated business development platform, and to provide enhanced learning opportunities for Bowie State University students through experiential internship programs and entrepreneurship activities.

Bowie BIC is a non-profit organization with an independent Board of Directors. The program receives financial support from the public and private sector, including the City of Bowie, Prince George's County and corporate sponsors.

Bowie BIC is accepting applications. If you would like to apply, please email Bowie BIC Executive Director Lisa Smith at [lisa.smith@bowiebic.com](mailto:lisa.smith@bowiebic.com) to set up a meeting and tour. For more information about Bowie BIC, please visit [www.bowiebic.com](http://www.bowiebic.com).

## 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.*

## Summer Means No Lunch for Some

Summertime and the living is easy -- but not for everyone. Those who are struggling to feed their families don't have the free or reduced lunch programs of the schools to help during the summer, so their plight is worse than usual.

Donations to the Bowie Pantry are needed. You will find a number of places around Bowie where nonperishable food can be dropped off. Locations include the free Summer Concerts at Allen Pond Park held every Sunday from 7 - 8 p.m., and collection bins can be found at the City's Gymnasium, Senior Center, and the Kenhill Center (old City Hall).

Donations may be made at the Bowie Pantry during regular hours of operation, 9 - 11 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The Bowie Pantry is located behind Christian Community Presbyterian Church at 3120 Belair Drive. 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 [www.bowiefoodpantry.org](http://www.bowiefoodpantry.org). Thank you for your support!

## Bowie Playhouse Presents



### LOVE, SEX AND THE I.R.S. -- 7/13 - 7/28

Jon and Leslie are struggling, out-of-work musicians, living in New York City. To save money they have been filing their taxes as a married couple, but they are not married. This is the story of what happens when the I.R. S. discovers their duplicity and launches an investigation. Add to the mix a cheating fiancée, a meddling mother, and a jealous ex-girlfriend and you have a crazy comedy with twists of fate, sight gags, mistaken identities and hilarious comic lines – an uproarious comedy! Presented by Bowie Community Theatre, 301-805-0219 or [www.BCTheatre.com](http://www.BCTheatre.com).

### SHAKESPEARE'S THE COMEDY OF ERRORS -- 8/2 - 8/11

As the name suggests, this Shakespeare play is a comedy with its major humor arising from mistaken identities and slapstick. It tells the story of two sets of identical twins accidentally separated at birth. Antipholus of Syracuse and his servant Dromio of Syracuse arrive in Ephesus which is the hometown of their twin brothers, Antipholus of Ephesus and his servant Dromio of Ephesus. When the two from Syracuse encounter friends and families of their twins, a series of mistaken identities lead to wrongful beatings, the arrest of one of the twins, theft, madness and more. Presented by Annapolis Shakespeare Company, 410-703-1289 or [www.annapolishakespeare.org](http://www.annapolishakespeare.org).

### UNNECESSARY FORCE -- 8/17 - 9/1

The Washington area premiere of this comedy that follows Billie and Eric, a pair of inept police officers, who set up a sting operation to trap the crooked mayor. Nothing can go wrong – but everything goes wrong with their plan! Set in a pair of matching hotel rooms, the play is filled with doors slamming, clothes flying, and bagpipes bleating – all of which adds up to an over-the-top tale of mix-ups and mayhem that's laugh out loud funny from start to finish. Presented by Prince George's Little Theatre, 301-937-7458 or [www.pgl.t.org](http://www.pgl.t.org).



All performances are on weekends at the Bowie Playhouse, located in Whitmarsh Park, 16500 Whitmarsh Park Drive. For ticket sales and information about the theater groups, please contact the theater companies directly.

## Attention Homeowners Associations

The City maintains a list of contact information for local homeowners associations on the City's website. The list is used to share important information with your community about planned developments, transportation improvements, and other issues. Help us keep the list current by notifying the Planning Department when your officers and management companies change.

Please visit the City's website at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) to see if your community information is correct. Any corrections or updates to the information should be provided to Marianne Baird at [mbaird@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mbaird@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3047.

## Stream Buffer Study Available

Bowie has approximately 40 miles of streams (including Levitt channels). The area immediately adjacent to them is known as the stream buffer. This area provides many benefits - habitat; interception of fertilizers, pesticides, pet waste, sediment and other pollutants from yards and streets; aesthetics and increased property values; and shading for the stream and its inhabitants. Unfortunately, there are many threats to stream buffers in urban and suburban areas including removal of trees, mowing of grass to the stream edge, and the installation of impervious surfaces that don't infiltrate rain (e.g., streets, parking lots, buildings, and sidewalks).

Staff from the City's Planning Department reviewed and analyzed existing buffer data, including maps of all impervious surfaces in the City, to determine the extent of buffer threats, or encroachments. The final report is available on the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie](http://www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie), and the next steps will be additional, more detailed studies of some of these areas in the future. Please contact City Watershed Manager Tiffany Wright with any questions, comments or thoughts about buffers on your property at [twright@cityofbowie.org](mailto:twright@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3043.

## Challenge Yourself With Our "Recycling Quiz"

New large recycling carts were given to about half of the homes in Bowie last year to make it easier to recycle.

Has the amount of recyclables collected increased?

**Answer: See**

[www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie](http://www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie)



## 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 6, 2012** 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 the City's website at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org). You can also contact City Hall at 301-809-3011 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).



## Bowie Youth and Family Services (BYFS)

Bowie Youth and Family Services (BYFS) offers counseling for families with school-age children living in the home. Groups are offered on a variety of topics, including those who want guidance with parenting skills, social skills for young children, high school aged teen girls group, 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 and those 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.

*BYFS is located at the Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive, Bowie, MD 20715, 301-809-3033.*

### Imagine an Hour That Impacts a Lifetime ... Imagine Mentoring

Over the past ten years, more than 200 volunteers logged over 5,000 volunteer hours helping the youth of Bowie High School. Just by being available to them as a mentor, friend, advisor and a listening heart, these volunteers made a difference at Bowie High School in the life of incoming freshmen by assisting them in their transition into high school and on to a successful academic experience.

Bowie Youth and Family Services is now recruiting adult volunteers that would like to have this opportunity to make a difference in the life of a youth by providing care and commitment to a Bowie High School student who may be struggling to make a successful transition into the high school environment.

Volunteers give an hour per week, building relationships, making a positive difference in the lives of the students, their families and the community. If you would like to join this dynamic team of volunteers and make a difference in your community, join the Teen Mentoring Program provided by the Bowie Prevention Network, under the direction of Bowie Youth and Family Services and in cooperation with Bowie High School.

To apply, contact Bowie Youth and Family Services at 301-809-3033 or email Volunteer Coordinator Rhonda Simon at [mentor@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mentor@cityofbowie.org), or call Bowie Prevention Network Coordinator Andra Berry at 301-809-3080.

## 2012 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 7**      **2nd Story Band**  
*Funky Blues/Swing*
- July 14**     **Joe Tichy**  
*Acoustic Rock*
- July 21**     **Project Natale**  
*Jazz*
- July 28**     **Delta Loco**  
*Blues/Rock/Classic*

For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).



## 2012 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 1**      **The Winstons 1960's Concert**  
Special guest Harold Melvin's Blue Notes at 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Prince George's Art Council
- July 8**      **Allyson Taylor**  
*R&B/Pop*
- July 15**     **Bottle of Blues**  
*Blues*
- July 22**     **The Shades**  
*60's/70's Music*
- July 29**     **The Back Pages Band**  
*60's/70's Rock*
- Aug. 5**      **Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition**  
*Bluegrass*
- Aug. 12**     **40 Dollar Fine**  
*Classic Rock*
- Aug. 19**     **The McDuffees**  
*Country*
- Aug. 26**     **US Air Force Airmen of Note**  
*Jazz*
- Sept. 2**     **The Electric Company**  
*80's Music*
- Sept. 9**     **US Naval Academy**  
**Salute to America Concert**  
*Patriotic*

For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

## National Night Out

August 7, 2012

The Bowie Police Department will celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7th 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, as well as community strength and involvement. The annual event will include police displays, child fingerprinting, free child ID cards, along with crime prevention and safety information. Children can meet Iron Man, McGruff the Crime Dog and enjoy a moonbounce, dunk tank, face painting and free food. Please join us for an evening of family fun!

## So, What is a City Right-of-Way Street Tree?

About three years ago, I summarized the answer to this question, and I think now would be a good time to review this important information. One of the regular, ongoing and most important aspects of my role as Community Forester is the maintenance of the city's 17,000 street trees in the right-of-ways. This is in addition to the many park trees that exist. Many in our fair town are not aware of what qualifies as a "right-of-way" street tree; so, let's spend a few moments reviewing that specification.

In Bowie, "street trees" are determined by one of two stipulations. The first one is as follows: If there is a sidewalk along a given City street, and there is a tree planted/growing between the curb and the sidewalk, then that tree is a City of Bowie street tree. The second instance is as follows: If there is no sidewalk along a given City street, and there is a tree planted/growing with any part of its trunk (main stem) within 12 feet of the "face of the curb", then that tree is a City of Bowie street tree. While there are a very limited number of exceptions to these specifications, in general, you can be pretty sure whether or not a tree is a City street tree using these parameters.

You may have noticed that I have used the terms "City streets" several times in this article. It is important to point out that we have at least four classifications of streets in the City of Bowie: 1) City of Bowie streets; 2) Prince George's County roads such as Mitchellville Road, Church Road, Old Chapel Road and Race Track Road; 3) State roads such as Rt. 450 and Rt. 197; and 4) Private roads and HOA roads. The only street trees for which our division is routinely responsible are those on City streets. This includes a routine pruning rotation schedule (every 5-7 years depending on growth, need, and circumstances), necessary service call pruning, and necessary tree removals due to tree decline or a hazardous situation. Our division is also responsible to assess and address emergencies and hazards regardless of road classification throughout the City limits, such as storm damages and/or road and sidewalk blockages. The course of action with these is determined on a case-by-case basis.

I hope this helps you understand a little better how tree maintenance and health is addressed in the public domain in the City of Bowie. As always, I am available for questions and consultations related to City tree issues and can be reached at [rkellner@cityofbowie.org](mailto:rkellner@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3061. Rick Kellner, Community Forester



### Single Stream Recycling Reminder

All recyclables are collected by one full-size refuse truck from one recycling container. You may put all of your papers, cardboard, junk mail, catalogs (tied in bundles or put in bags so that they don't blow around) and phone books into your recycling bin with your glass, cans and plastics. And if you need larger containers (maximum 50 pounds when filled) you may use any container marked **RECYCLE**.

Just about all plastics are now collected – soft or rigid; margarine/yogurt/sour cream containers; bottles, cups, milk jugs, toys, lawn furniture, plastic bags tied up (to prevent them from blowing around).

Styrofoam, motor oil, chemical bottles, plates and utensils are **NOT** accepted.

Recycling helps save the planet and saves all City residents a minimum of \$55 per ton in landfill costs.

*For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.  
Thank you for recycling!*

## Pets Need Exercise Too

Most dogs were bred for a purpose, like herding, hunting, or protecting. Today however, most dogs are companion animals and spend far more of their time sedentary. While not bred for working, indoor cats too are significantly less active than outdoor counterparts. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure their pet's need for physical activity and mental stimulation are met on a daily basis.

Exercise is vital to the health and well-being of our pets. It helps prevent obesity and the associated health risks and it burns excess energy so Fido can be content and well-behaved during his inside time. Exercise and mental stimulation can be achieved in a number of different ways, such as leash walks, fetch, chasing a toy, or a trip to the dog park. Keep in mind that allowing your pet time outside in a fenced yard does not mean your pet will run laps to expel energy. Unless you have multiple dogs that will play together your dog is not likely to be more active in your backyard than in the house. Cats allowed outdoors should have a secure area that contains them safely on their owner's property and prevents them from running at large.

The City has a dog park to help you in your exercise endeavors. The dog park is located at 3600 Northview Drive next to Northview Elementary school. The dog park is open daily from 8 a.m. to dusk. The park is one acre and has separate areas for small and large dogs to run off-leash. To utilize the park your dog must be at least four months old and display current rabies vaccine and county pet license tags. The dog owner is responsible for following all city and county ordinances, removing fecal matter promptly, discouraging inappropriate behavior (i.e. digging, excessive barking), and assumes all legal responsibility for their dog's behavior. For a complete list of rules, go to [www.cityof-bowie.org/Parks/dog\\_park.asp](http://www.cityof-bowie.org/Parks/dog_park.asp).

## Please Clean Up Pet Waste

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.

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.

## Microchip Your Pet for \$15

The City Animal Control Office continues its low cost pet microchipping program. In a partnership with the Highway Veterinary Hospital, the program provides a permanent identification device to assist in the return of your lost pet. The Bowie Animal Control Office has an almost 100% return to owner rate of lost pets when the animal is found with a microchip implant.

**For more informaton, please contact the Animal Control Office at 301-809-3002 or [tdodge@cityofbowie.org](mailto:tdodge@cityofbowie.org).**

## Code Corner

### Commercial Vehicles are Prohibited from Parking On City Streets

Commercial vehicles are prohibited from parking on a City street unless the vehicle is actually engaged in the loading or unloading of property or passengers in the course of a commercial purpose. In most instances, commercial vehicles are prohibited from parking on a residential lot too.

**What is a commercial vehicle?** Any crane, tow truck, or stake platform truck, or any motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer used in the furtherance of any commercial enterprise or used for carrying freight, merchandise, passengers, or tools of a trade for compensation, AND has a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight (gvw) specification exceeding 7500 lbs; or exceeds 300 cubic feet of load space; or has dual rear wheels; or contains advertising (lettering less than 4" in height of a firm name or similar designation is not considered advertising).

Not all vehicles used for a commercial or business enterprise are prohibited. Many work vans, vehicles with lettering less than 4", and small trucks with ladders do not meet the criteria above and are not prohibited from parking on the street..

Pursuant to **Chapter 14, Sec. 14-11** of the City Code prohibited commercial vehicles parked on the street are subject to a \$50 fine and/or towing.

### You Need to Know the Bowie City Code

It is very important for every resident, business owner, property owner, visitor or newcomer to the City to be aware of the Bowie City Code. The common expression, "ignorance of the law is no excuse" is still valid today. It is your personal responsibility to know the code. Failure to comply with the code can result in serious penalties such as fines, property liens, court ordered abatements and even criminal prosecution.

The City educates the public through various forms of communication including public meetings, cable TV programming, brochures and pamphlets. Code Compliance Officers and support staff are available to answer any questions, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Please contact the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 or [lransom@cityofbowie.org](mailto:lransom@cityofbowie.org).

## Bowie Farmer's Market

The Bowie Farmer's Market is now in full swing! Patrons will find fresh locally grown produce, fruit, cut flowers, plants, breads, pastries, jams, jellies, cheese, fish, crabs and more at this "Producers-Only" market. The Farmer's Market is open **Sundays, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**, through October 28, 2012. 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 1 "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 12 "Corn Roast"** Come by and enjoy free corn on the cob fresh off the grill, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**September 16 "Agriculture Awareness Day"** Farm animal petting zoo, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**October 28 "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.



## News of the City Museums



### Mark Your Calendar

**“Storied Sterling” - New Exhibit at Belair Mansion** Offers a sparkling look at some past elegance this summer. The Mansion’s newest exhibit includes exquisite sterling pieces from the Ogle and Bowie families. Visit and enjoy a peek at “refined dining” from our past. The exhibit may be viewed during the Mansion’s regular open hours.

#### Get In the Game - Tuesday Time Travelers

**Tuesday, July 10, 10:30 a.m.** at Belair Mansion. Young historians are invited to enjoy 18th and 19th century games and amusements. Ages 4-11. No reservations required. Free.

#### Kids Kaboose at Bowie Railroad Station Museum

**Tuesdays, July 17 and August 21, 10:30 a.m.** Railroad fun and games for youngsters ages 1-11. Free.

#### Mrs. Rumney’s Housewifery School

**Monday, August 6, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. Young ladies (and gentlemen if desired) may enroll in Mrs. Rumney’s school to learn the arts and mysteries of housekeeping. Lunch, refreshments and a take home craft are included. Ages 6-11. \$15 per child. Reservations required (Limited reservations).

#### It’s Not All On the Wall - Tuesday Time Travelers

**Tuesday, August 14, 10:30 a.m.** at Belair Mansion. a look at ALL the art at Belair. Ages 4-11. No reservations required. Free.

#### Rochambeau’s March Through Bowie

**Saturday, August 25, 12 - 4 p.m.** at Belair Mansion. Join us for Belair Mansion’s annual commemoration of the end of the Revolutionary War. Visit with Revolutionary War troops (of both sides), participate in a military drill, enjoy some 18th century games, or join the 18th century ladies at their sewing circle for some stitching and gossiping. Free.

**Coming in September!** Don’t miss Belair Mansion’s Civil War Weekend featuring the Atlantic Guard Soldiers Aid Society on **September 29** and “Voices from the Civil War” on **September 30**. Look for more information in the next issue of *The Spotlight*.

*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.*

**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.

## Laughter Yoga: Ten Reasons to Laugh for No Reason

Wednesday, July 18  
10:30 a.m.

Laughter is a stress buster; Laughter strengthens the immune system; Laughter is anti-aging, toning muscles and increasing blood supply; Laughter is aerobic exercise; Laughter is internal jogging; Laughter is a natural pain killer; Laughter helps control high blood pressure; Laughter reduces depression and anxiety; Laughter improves bronchitis and asthma; and You do not have to be happy to act happy. Join us for a free session of Laughter Yoga with Cathy Lacey.

## Belly Dancing Workshops

Wednesday, July 11  
10 - 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, August 14  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

An \$8 registration fee is due one week prior to each workshop. Don't delay - sign-up soon!



## Be Tech Savvy

Thursday, July 19, 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday, August 9, 10:30 a.m.

Join Danielle Edelen, a representative from Best Buy, as she shows you how to use an e-reader on July 19, and a digital camera on August 9! If you have one bring it!

## Discover the Most Effective Exercise Program to Do

Thursday, July 26, 11 - 11:45 a.m.

Join Wellness Coordinator Mark Shields as we discuss how to get the most out of your new or old exercise routine.

## Discover Ways to Enhance Any Exercise Program's Effectiveness

Thursday, July 26, 7 - 8 p.m.

If you're an intermediate or advanced exerciser this session is for you. Discover how to know when it's time to make changes to your program to enhance results.

## Book Lovers Expo

Saturday, August 18, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

A free community event featuring local authors. There will be readings throughout the morning. Genres represented include mystery, thriller, poetry, fiction, children's well-being, romance, paranormal, and self-help. Join us and help make the Center the newest literary hotspot in town!

**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**

*Wednesday, July 4, 2012  
City offices closed. No refuse or recycling collection.*

**National Night Out**

*Tuesday, August 7, 2012  
6 - 8 p.m., Allen Pond Park*

**9th Annual Back to School Bash**

*Saturday, August 18, 2012  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Bowie Gymnasium*

**Labor Day**

*Monday, September 3, 2012  
City offices closed. No refuse or recycling collection.*

**Taking 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 regularly offers a 4-6 hour course in CPR to interested members of the Bowie community at the Pointer Ridge Fire Station.

To register for a class, contact [bowiecpr@gmail.com](mailto:bowiecpr@gmail.com) or 301-390-8255. A small registraton fee of \$5 is requested to cover BVFD costs. For more information, visit the BVFD website at [www.bowievfd.org](http://www.bowievfd.org).