

News Flash Update – May 18, 2017

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Bike to Work Day – Friday, May 19

Tomorrow, Bike to Work Day will be celebrated throughout the Washington, DC area. Bowie will have two pit stops for participants: one at the Bowie Town Center Food Court and the other in Old Town Bowie at the firehouse on 9th Street. Stop by one of these locations, meet other cyclists, and have a drink or snack on us!

Sixth Annual Certified Habitat Tour – Saturday, May 20th

Visit six sites that have been certified by the National Wildlife Federation as wildlife habitats to learn how your neighbors welcome birds, butterflies, and other wildlife to their yards. This year's tour features the 2016 Distinguished Yard winner, which is the top honor in Bowie's annual Beautification Awards. View more information and a map of the sites at www.cityofbowie.org/habitat. Questions? Contact Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 or klarson@cityofbowie.org.

Heritage Day – Sunday, May 21, noon to 4 p.m. at Belair Stable and other Museum sites

Each May, on Preakness weekend, the City of Bowie hosts its annual Heritage Day celebration. This Sunday, discover our horse history at the Belair Stable - along with free pony rides and face painting, kids' crafts, hands on activities and games and critters from The Big Purple Barn. Visitors can tour Belair Mansion or visit the Genealogy Library and learn about how to find their ancestors. The Bowie Railroad Museum will host the N Track Model Club and the Lego Lady. Kids can enjoy an early schoolroom and store at the Welcome Center. We have been making history in Bowie since 1872 - come have some fun with it at this free event!

Parade – Saturday, May 27, 11 a.m.

Don't miss Bowie's annual hometown parade on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. It is a celebration of our nation and a salute to those who serve and protect it. The parade steps off from the Belair Annex to Bowie High School at 11 a.m. and proceeds down Belair Drive, turns right on Sussex Lane, and then right again on Stonybrook Drive. The reviewing stand, bleachers, and vendors will be located at Acorn Hill Park, next to the Bowie Community Center. There will be marching bands, floats, entertainers, and a host of community groups.

Farmers' Market Opens May 21 and Sunday Concerts Begin Memorial Day Weekend

Two sure signs that summer is on its way are the opening of the Bowie Farmers' Market and the launch of the Sunday Sunset Concerts at Allen Pond Park. Our popular market features fresh produce, baked goods, meat, and other locally grown or homemade items. The Market begins Sunday, May 21, from 8 a.m. to noon and runs every Sunday through October in the parking lot of Bowie High School. Free concerts are held Sunday evenings at Allen Pond Park, from 7 to 8 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a variety of musical entertainment this summer. The US Navy Band Commodores will open the season with jazz music on May 28. Concerts are also held on select Saturday afternoons in Old Town Bowie. See the full concert schedule at www.cityofbowie.org/concerts.

Memorial Day Holiday – Monday, May 29

City offices are closed on Monday, May 29 for the Memorial Day holiday. No trash or recycling will be collected on this date.

Fox 5 Zip Trip Will Showcase Bowie on Friday, June 2

Fox 5 News will broadcast its morning show live from Bowie Town Center on the morning of Friday, June 2 from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. Throughout the morning, various Bowie organizations and businesses will be featured in different segments. Come out, enjoy the fun, meet some of their on-air personalities, and help us show the region why Bowie is such a great place to live and work.

Bowiefest – Saturday, June 3, 2017, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Celebrate all things Bowie at Bowiefest 2017! This annual event features rides, performances, contests, and a host of food and drink options throughout the park. There's also an Arts and Crafts Fair, a Home and Health Business Expo in the Ice Arena, and local organizations of every size and interest will be on hand to introduce you to what they do and perhaps entice you to get involved. Free shuttle bus service will be provided from the Park and Ride lot on Northview Drive.

Mark Your Calendar - Community Shredding Event - Saturday, June 24, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Safely dispose of sensitive documents at the City's annual shredding event in the parking lot of Bowie High School. Bowie residents may bring up to four kitchen bags or four archival boxes to this free shredding event. No businesses please. Styrofoam will also be collected for recycling at this event.

Senior Vendor Information Fair - Friday, May 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Senior and those who care for them are invited to learn more about services, programs, and organizations that provide assistance to older residents at an Information and Referral Fair organized by the City of Bowie at the Senior Center. Gather important information, have some fun, and be sure to enter the free drawings for door prizes. More than 30 local businesses, nonprofit organizations and government agencies will be present.

The public is also invited to two other free programs are part of this year's Senior Information Fair at the Senior Center:

- "Tying the Knot", a skit about a senior wedding on Wednesday, May 24, 12:30 p.m. and
- Aging in Place discussion about the many issues seniors face when aging in place on Thursday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Important Upcoming Meetings

- **MAGLEV High Speed Train Briefing to City Council – Monday, July 10 at 8 p.m.**
High-speed train service of up to 300 miles per hour has been proposed for the DC/Washington corridor. Some of the routes under consideration would pass through or very near Bowie. Baltimore Washington MAGLEV Project Director David Henley will attend the July 10 City Council meeting to brief Council and residents on the status of the project. The meeting begins at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The public is invited and encouraged to attend this important meeting about a project that could potentially affect the City of Bowie. The meeting will also be broadcast on the Bowie Government Channel (Verizon 10/Comcast 71) and on the City website. Visit www.cityofbowie.org/maglev for links to more information about this project.
- **County Hearing on Bowie Marketplace Apartments – June 8 at 10 a.m., Upper Marlboro**
The Prince George's County Planning Board will review the Detailed Site Plan for the 225-unit, multi-family apartment project proposed at Bowie Marketplace on Thursday, June 8. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. at the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro.

City Job Openings

The City of Bowie is currently seeking applicants for the following positions:

- Gymnasium Manager (closes 5/30/2017)
- Engineering Assistant (closes 5/19/2017)
- Bus Driver (open)
- Police Officer – Entry Level and Laterals (open)

Please visit www.cityofbowie.org/jobs for details or to apply.

Alert from the Bowie Police Department – Jury Duty Scam

Going strong for more than a decade, the jury duty scam is back in our area. As one of the most successful intimidation impostor schemes, this scam allows defrauders quick access to your information and a fast way to get your money. Scaring you is their intent, and it all begins with a phone call.

This phone call is typically made after hours (which should be a red flag) from someone claiming to represent a law enforcement agency. This could be your local police, a sheriff's department, or US Marshals Service. The caller might say that you are facing imminent arrest due to not reporting for mandated jury duty. The caller may cite actual names of law enforcement persons or even judges. In order to "avoid arrest," the caller will say that you can pay a fine. This will be in the form of a gift card or prepaid debit card (Green Dot MoneyPak or iTunes gift cards are popular ones with this scam.) They will also ask you to confirm your identity, which may include name, date of birth, or even social security number, to ensure they have reached the correct "violate."

- Do NOT purchase any gift card or prepaid debit cards.
- Hang up without providing any information about yourself.
- Report the incident to your local police department or the FBI tip line (<https://www.ic3.gov/complaint/default.aspx>) to aid in investigation of these scams.
- Legitimate law enforcement officials will never call to warn you of an impending arrest. This is true of any type of infraction, let alone a missed jury duty date.
- These calls are often made later in the evening, well beyond courthouse hours of operation/closing times.
- Always remember that Caller IDs can be manipulated to show the name and phone numbers of intended agencies or businesses. If you are concerned, do your own research on courthouse or law enforcement numbers and verify any missed court dates or missed jury duty dates with a court clerk during regular business hours.
- Legitimate jury duty notifications and "no show" summonses are almost always delivered through the mail system. You will never be asked for personal information from anyone from a courthouse system regarding a missed jury duty date.

If you have questions or believe that you may have been a victim of this scam, please contact the Bowie Police Department at 240-544-5700.