

# BOWIE BRIEF

**Your Weekly Update  
Thursday, May 11, 2023**

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## Bowie News

### City of Bowie Budget Review Concludes May 15

The City Council's review of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and Capital Improvements Program is almost complete. Public hearings on the budget were held on April 10 and May 1. The final public hearing will be held on May 15.

- **May 15, 8 p.m.** - Regular City Council Meeting: Women Trailblazers Award Presentations; Public Hearing and Adoption of FY 2024 Budget & CIP.

If you are unable to attend in person, you can tune in live at: [www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings](http://www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings), FIOS 10/Comcast 71/996, or YouTube @cityofBowieMD.

### Women Trailblazers Awards

The City of Bowie's first ever Women Trailblazers Awards will be presented at the City Council Meeting on May 15 at 8 p.m. Prior to the meeting, there will be a reception for the honorees from 7 to 8 p.m. at City Hall. If you would like to attend this free reception in honor of the trailblazing women being recognized, please RSVP at [www.cityofbowie.org/TBrsvp](http://www.cityofbowie.org/TBrsvp) or call 301-809-3011 by **May 12**.



### Community Meeting Regarding Aroma Restaurant and Lounge

The Bowie Police Department will be hosting a virtual public meeting to address concerns regarding excessive music associated with the Aroma Restaurant and Lounge located at 4000 Town Center Boulevard in Bowie Town Center. The meeting will be held on **May 11**, at 7 p.m. The Police Department will provide an update on the results of decibel readings recorded and the options available to the community to address future complaints. A representative of the City of Bowie Code Compliance Division will also be in attendance to address community concerns. This meeting is open to the public and may also be attended by representatives of the Aroma Restaurant and Lounge. We look forward to hearing from the community about this important issue. Please use this link [to join the meeting](#).

## **Senior Chorale Spring Concert “Love Through the Ages”**

Don't miss the Bowie Senior Chorale's spring concert, “Love Through the Ages” on **May 11**, 7 p.m. at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. The Chorale, under the direction of Craig L. Sparks, will perform classic and current love songs that span the decades. Songs will include movie themes, Broadway, pop, jazz, and even a lullaby - all styles to entertain and enchant. Tickets are available online at [www.bowiecenter.org](http://www.bowiecenter.org) or at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. The price per ticket is \$10.

## **Bowie Race Track Property Recreational Concepts Workshop**

The Bowie Race Track Property Task Force will hold an open-house style workshop on **May 13**, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Kenhill Center to gather public comments on preliminary concepts and ideas for recreational development of the property. The workshop will review the results of the community survey and the December public workshop. Attendees will also learn about recreational opportunity needs identified by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the recreational use concepts proposed by the Task Force.

Under current State law, the property will eventually transfer to the City, and both the City and Bowie State University have pledged cooperation in creating a recreational use plan for the property that includes public recreation areas and some university-sponsored recreational and open space activities. This will be an important opportunity to provide your input and ideas before the Task Force makes recommendations to the City Council at a public hearing tentatively scheduled for July 10. For more information, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/racetrack](http://www.cityofbowie.org/racetrack), email Joe Meinert at [jmeinert@cityofbowie.org](mailto:jmeinert@cityofbowie.org) or call the Planning Department at 301-809-3045.

## **Walk to End Domestic Violence**

Join the Community Outreach Committee for the Walk to End Domestic Violence on **May 20** at Allen Pond Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The focus of this event is to prevent violence through education. Vendors and support groups will be on hand. All ages can register to participate in advance or onsite at 9:30 a.m. For more information, visit the [walk's webpage](#) or contact Lori Cunningham at [lcunningham@cityofbowie.org](mailto:lcunningham@cityofbowie.org).

## **Rabies & Microchip Clinic**

Stop by City Hall on **May 20**, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a low-cost rabies and microchip clinic. Vaccines and microchips will be administered by a local veterinarian. Rabies vaccines are \$10 each and microchips are \$15 (cash only).



## **Transplanting Pollinator Plants**

The Green Team needs volunteers to help with transplanting pollinator plants into larger pots to further mature on **May 16** from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Kenhill Center. Student Service Learning (SSL) hours are available for volunteers. If interested, email Erin Oxenford at [exenford@cityofbowie.org](mailto:exenford@cityofbowie.org) to register.

## **Monarch Waystation Cleanups**

Help Green Team members get the City's pollinator gardens ready for warmer weather at Belair Meadows (**May 18**) and the Kenhill Center (**May 25**) from 9 - 10:30 a.m. Learn about pollinator gardens and how to care for them. Student Service Learning (SSL) hours are available. Capacity is limited to five volunteers per cleanup event, so register today by emailing Erin Oxenford at [exenford@cityofbowie.org](mailto:exenford@cityofbowie.org).

## **Do you Play Tennis? Or is Pickleball More Your Speed?**

The City of Bowie has received a number of requests from residents to provide a dedicated pickleball facility (not a pickleball court overlaid on a tennis court) within the City. Rather than incur the costs of converting the Glen Allen Tennis Court (Glen Allen Park is the only City owned tennis court) or constructing a new facility, City staff has been working with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to have one or all the existing M-NCPPC owned tennis courts at the Huntington South Park (13311 11th St.) converted to dedicated pickleball courts. If you would like to share your opinion on this conversion, [please complete this survey](#) by **May 30** to give your input on the possible addition of dedicated pickleball courts at Huntington South Park.

## **Bowie Farmers' Market Returns May 21**

The Bowie Farmers' Market opens for the season on **May 21**. Not only will you find fresh, locally grown

fruits and vegetables at the market, but there will also be vendors selling meats, pastries and breads, and a variety of plants. Additionally, you can shop for spices, jams, and handmade crafts.

The market takes place on Sunday mornings (through October) from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the parking lot of the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts (15200 Annapolis Road), next to the Bowie Public Library. For more information, contact the Special Events Manager at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org) or visit [www.cityofbowie.org/farmersmarket](http://www.cityofbowie.org/farmersmarket).



### **Convertibles Needed for Bowie’s Memorial Day Parade**

Are you the proud owner of a convertible? Would you like to show off your car and drive in a parade? The City of Bowie is seeking convertible vehicles to drive VIPs in the 2023 Memorial Day Parade on **May 27**. If interested, please contact Matt Corley at 240-563-2271 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Star Productions Presents “Something Rotten” at the Playhouse**

Set in the 1590s, brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom are desperate to write a hit play but are stuck in the shadow of Renaissance rock star, William Shakespeare. When the local soothsayer foretells that the future of theater involves singing, dancing, and acting at the same time, Nick sets out to write the world’s very first musical. But amidst the scandalous excitement of the opening night, the Bottom brothers realize that reaching the top means being true to thine own self, and all that jazz.

“Something Rotten” runs at the Bowie Playhouse from **May 26 - June 24**. Performances are every Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Visit [2<sup>nd</sup> Star Production’s website](#) to purchase tickets.

### **Dedicate a Flag for a Loved One**

Between May 26 and June 5, Sussex Lane Park will be transformed into a Field of Honor, featuring a display of US flags flying in solemn formation in honor of those who serve or in memory of those who

served in the past; dedicated to veterans, active military personnel, professions that have helped during the pandemic, and to loved ones lost.

Through a partnership with the Colonial Flag Foundation, those interested in participating can visit our Field of Honor webpage to purchase a flag for \$45 and dedicate it to a person or group of their choice. The purchase deadline is **May 19**. Dedicated flags can be picked up at City Hall from 9 a.m - 4:30 p.m. starting June 6.

The opening ceremony will take place on Sussex Lane Park at 7 p.m. on May 26. Sussex Lane Park is the open area between Sussex Lane and Annapolis Road, located across from Bowie High School. We invite you to walk among the field of flags during the week they are on display and remember the honorees for their shared legacy of service. For more information, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/fieldofhonor](http://www.cityofbowie.org/fieldofhonor).



## Job Openings

The City of Bowie is currently seeking candidates for several positions listed below. Full time employees are eligible for medical, dental, vision, life and long-term care insurance, a 401(k) with employer match, and a 457 savings plan. They also have paid holidays and earn leave. Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/jobs](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobs) for links to job postings.

### Open until May 12

- [Street Maintenance Worker](#) - Streets Division - Public Works

### Open until May 19

- [Public Information-Intelligence Specialist](#) - Police Department
- [Contractual: Special Events Coordinator](#) - Community Services
- [Part Time Gymnasium Attendant](#) - Community Services

### Open until June 2

- [Utilities Services Worker](#) - Utilities Division: Public Works

### Open until June 9

- [Equipment Operator](#) - Street Maintenance Division

### Open until filled

- [Entry Level Police Officer](#) - Police Department
- [Communications Specialist II](#) - Police Department
- [Family Counselor](#) - Community Services
- [Part time Ice Arena Attendant](#) - Community Services
- [Part time Bus Driver](#) - Community Services
- [Building Maintenance Superintendent](#) - Community Services
- [Solid Waste Driver/Collector](#) - Public Works

Visit <http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobs> for details or to apply.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### May 11

- [Monarch Waystation Cleanup at the Senior Center](#) | 9 a.m.
- [Senior Chorale Spring Concert “Love Through the Ages”](#) | 7 p.m.
- [Community Meeting Regarding Aroma Restaurant & Lounge](#) | 7 p.m.

### May 12

- [Kid’s Kaboose at Bowie Railroad Museum](#) | 10:30 a.m.

### May 13

- [Bowie Race Track Property Task Force Public Workshop](#) | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

### May 15

- [Women Trailblazers Awards Reception](#) | 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- [Regular City Council Meeting: Public Hearing & Adoption of FY 2024 Budget & CIP](#) | 8 p.m.

### May 16

- [Economic Forecast Event with Anibar Basu](#) | 7:30 a.m.
- [Volunteers Needed to Help with Transplanting Pollinator Plants](#) | 4 p.m.

### May 18

- [Monarch Waystation Cleanup at Belair Meadows](#) | 9 a.m.
- [Virtual Stakeholders Meeting – Proposal to Build Homes on Vacant Lots in Ternberry](#) | 7 p.m.

### May 20

- [Weed Warrior Workday](#) | 8:30 a.m.
- [Rabies Vaccination & Microchip Clinic](#) | 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- [Second Annual Walk to End Domestic Violence](#) | 10 a.m.
- [Movie Night at Belair Mansion – “The Bad Guys”](#) | 8:30 p.m.

### May 21

- [Bowie Farmers’ Market Opens for the Season](#) | 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- [Heritage Day at Belair Stable](#) | 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

### May 23

- [Bowie Advisory Planning Board – Proposal to Build Homes on Vacant Lots in Ternberry](#) | 7 p.m.

**May 25**

- [Monarch Waystation Cleanup at the Kenhill Center](#) | 9 a.m.

**May 26**

- [Field of Honor Opening Ceremony](#) | 7 p.m.
- [Wine and Design at Belair Mansion: Diamond Art Coasters](#) | 7 p.m.
- [Bowie Playhouse: “Something Rotten”](#) | 8 p.m.

**May 27**

- [Memorial Day Parade](#) | 11 a.m.
- [Bowie Playhouse: “Something Rotten”](#) | 8 p.m.

**May 28**

- [Bowie Playhouse: “Something Rotten”](#) | 2 p.m.
- [Sunday Sunset Concert – U.S. Navy Band Commodores \(Jazz\) at Allen Pond Park](#) | 7 p.m.

**May 29**

- [Memorial Day Holiday – City Offices Closed](#)

**May 31**

- [Fairy Tale Fun at Belair Mansion](#) | 10 a.m.

Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/calendar](http://www.cityofbowie.org/calendar) for details about other upcoming events sponsored by the City.

