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Prince George's County Council - District 4



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Dear Friends:

Greetings residents of District 4 and Happy New Year! As 2012 is upon us, I am eager to begin the New Year with much enthusiasm to lead and meet your needs as a public servant Working for YOU! A number of great things are happening in the District 4 community, Prince George's County and the State of Maryland as a whole. As your elected official, I am honored and committed to take the leadership roles that will continue the betterment of our communities.

In continuing to move Prince George's County forward, I am happy to announce that I was installed as President of the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) on January 5, 2012, during the 2012 MACo Winter Conference. MACo is a nonprofit and non-partisan organization that serves Maryland county governments by articulating their needs and ideas to the Maryland General Assembly.

As you may know, my past leadership positions included service as Vice- President of MACo and Chair of the Prince George's County Council. Serving as MACo president provides an even greater platform for service to the residents of the state of Maryland and Prince George's County. I look forward to continuing my service with MACo in this new capacity, and working with jurisdictions from across the state to ensure the needs of our counties are addressed. The months ahead will be extremely challenging, but we will accomplish more by working together than we ever thought possible.

Additionally, after being retired from 20 years of military service, I was excited to attend and am happy to highlight the recent 2011 Army – Navy Football game as it was held at FedEx Field in Prince George's County. This is the first time during this 121 year long exciting rivalry that the classic football game has been held in the Washington D.C. Metro Area.

As always, I continue to value your input as a public servant of District 4. Working for YOU continues to be an honor and a privilege.

Please enjoy this month's E-News as you should find some updates about things happening in our community and some interesting events for you and your family to participate in. If you have information that you would like to be included in future newsletters that will be beneficial to other residents, please email the information to arpanell@co.pg.md.us.

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Council Member - 4th District

Read 4 Success Program

Council Member Ingrid M. Turner will continue her Read 4 Success program in February, 2012 by reading to classes in various schools in District 4 and Prince George's County. The program serves to continue her efforts in stressing the importance of reading to young children. During her visits, Council Member Turner will read from the books, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, by Roald Dahl to the third grade classes and *Frindle* by Andrew Clements to the fourth grade classes. As part of this program, she will provide each student with a copy of the book.

Council Member Turner wants to cultivate the love to read within the students by encouraging them to read aloud. "I always enjoy visiting the schools and reading aloud to the students. I also encourage them to read aloud because it encourages the children to listen, to ask questions and to see that reading is fun."

For questions about the program, please contact Ingrid S. Harrison, Community Outreach Coordinator, 301-952-3094.

City of Bowie's Hall of Honor Accepting Nominations

In 1991, the City of Bowie Hall of Honor was developed to recognize those citizens of Bowie who have made "major and lasting contributions" to the City. The first inductees were honored in 1994. A nominee to the Hall of Honor must: be deceased for at least one year as of the nomination deadline; have made both a major and lasting contribution to the City of Bowie; have been a resident of the City of Bowie either during the time of their contribution or at the time of their death.

Past inductees include Robert V. Setera. Mr. Setera spearheaded the annual Bowiefest, which is now a staple in the City's recreational events calendar. Volunteering in organizations from the YMCA to the Color Guard Judges Association, Mr. Setera was dedicated to community service. His contributions were an example to his neighbors, friends and family. Another inductee, Malcolm C. "Skip" Popp, was a tireless scouting volunteer. Along with some other fathers in the community, Mr. Popp organized the first Cub Scout Pack at Buckingham Elementary School in 1965. His final service to the community came through a tragedy as he drowned rescuing one of his scouts from the rough waters of the Shenandoah River's South Fork.

Once a nomination is received, forms and information are passed on to the City of Bowie's Community Outreach Committee for review. The Committee then sends their recommendations to the City of Bowie City Council for final approval. Once an honoree is approved, a reception is held in the inductee's honor and a plaque is hung in the lobby of Bowie City Hall. The deadline to submit nominations for the 2012 Hall of Honor induction is by Friday, February 10, 2012 at 5:00 pm at Bowie City Hall. Bowie City Hall is located at 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716. For more information, contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org. Nomination forms are available at www.cityofbowie.org.

Bowie High School Soccer Team Maryland State Champions

I would like to highlight and send a special congratulations to the City of Bowie High School Varsity Boys Soccer Team for their diligence and success in becoming the 2011 Maryland 4A State Soccer Champions. Keep up the hard work!

Volunteers Needed for the City of Bowie "Green Team"

With approval of Resolution R-66-11 in September, the City Council began the process of forming a community-wide "Green Team" under the Sustainable Maryland Certified Program. The City is looking to build a team of action-oriented individuals representing a wide range of interests and organizations within the City. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mr. Joe Meinert, Director of Planning and Economic Development, at 301-809-3047 or jmeinert@cityofbowie.org by the end of January. *All residents are invited to take the 5-minute, 13-question environmental awareness survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/bowiegreenteam.



Council Member Ingrid M. Turner is pictured here participating with Master James Boccabello and Master Wayne C. Bumbry who are Webelos of Cub Scout Pack 416 at the Upper Marlboro Public Library.



Council Member Turner sponsored an informational session at the Upper Marlboro Public Library for the Webelos to obtain their Communication Requirement.

If you would like to be included in our mailings, please forward your name and address to LCFerguson@co.pg.md.us.

Please also pass this information on to other concerned citizens. Remember, as a team working together, much can be accomplished.

Congratulations to City of Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis

I am happy to highlight and send special congratulations to City of Greenbelt Mayor Judith “J” Davis who was honored with the Elizabeth and David Scull Metropolitan Public Service Award at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments 2011 Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon.



Mayor Judith Davis pictured here with Prince George's County Council Chair Andrea C. Harrison and COG officials.

AARP Income Tax Preparation

Starting Wednesday, February 1, 2012 through Wednesday, April 11, 2012, AARP Tax Preparation Volunteers will be at the Bowie Senior Center on Wednesdays. Senior that would like assistance from one of these volunteers must make an appointment by calling the Bowie Senior Center between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 301-809-2300. The Bowie Senior Center is located at, 14900 Health Center Drive, Bowie MD, 20716.

Please Keep the Sidewalks Clean and Safe in the City of Bowie

With snow inevitable this season, please keep in mind shoveling the sidewalks so people can get to their destinations safely. Removal of accumulated snow or ice on the sidewalks is required within 48 hours after the cessation of falling snow. If you have a sidewalk in front of your home or business, it is your responsibility to clear it. If your property is on a corner, you may have sidewalks in the front, on the side, or even along the back. Don't forget to clear them all! If you know your neighbor is out of town or incapable of clearing the sidewalk, please assist them so schoolchildren and pedestrians can get through safely.

We appreciate your hard work to keep the sidewalks clean and safe this winter season. To report hazardous conditions within the City of Bowie, please call 301-809-2344. More information about the City's snow removal program may be found on the City's website - www.cityofbowie.org/snow.

City of Bowie Police Department offers self defense training for women in January

Beginning Wednesday, January 18, 2012, the City of Bowie Police Department will offer self defense training classes for women. The Rape Aggression Defense System is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The R.A.D. System is a comprehensive, women-only course whose primary focus is the realistic development of self defense options before and during situations of imminent or actual attacks. R.A.D is not a martial Arts program. Our courses are taught by nationally certified R.A.D. Instructors and provide each student with a workbook/reference manual. This manual outlines the entire Physical Defense Program for reference and continuous personal growth.

The courses are a series of 5 classes to be held at the Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive, Bowie, MD 20715. For More Information and to RSVP please call 301-575-2015. The schedule of classes are as follows:

Monday Evenings from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM
January 23rd, 30th, February 6th, 13th, 20th

Wednesday Evenings from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM
January 18th, 25th, February 1st, 8th, 15th

SAGE – Continuing Education Class Registration

The Bowie Senior Center is fortunate to partner with the Prince George's Community College SAGE (Seasoned Adults Growing Educationally) program to offer a variety of over 65 classes each week at the Bowie Senior Center. Registration occurs three times a year for each 14 week semester. There are three ways to register with the college: Online through Owl Link, Mail-in, or In-Person at the college. A \$50 registration fee is payable to PGCC for seniors 60 and over. Students may choose classes in Art, Finance, Health & Fitness, History & Social Studies, Humanities, Languages, Music, and more. The Spring semester offers an exciting selection of classes and begins the week of February 6. A description of each class and registration information is available at the Senior Center front desk. Check out a few new exciting classes that will be offered this semester! This is such an excellent opportunity to gain knowledge and develop new friendships! The Bowie Senior Center is located at, 14900 Health Center Drive, Bowie MD, 20716



On Wednesday, November 9, 2011 Council Member Ingrid M. Turner took part in a MOU signing and press conference hosted by County Executive Rushern L. Baker III and the Children's National Medical Center at Seat Pleasant Elementary School.

A mobile medical bus from Children's Hospital was on site along with the signing of the MOU to promote Children's health.



Telephone Reassurance Program

The Bowie Senior Center is offering homebound and isolated seniors in the community the opportunity to receive a friendly phone call once a week. If you or someone you know is a senior who is home alone for an extended period of time and would like to participate in this program, please contact Kathy White at the Bowie Senior Center 301-809-2300.

Christmas Trees

Christmas Trees will be picked up in the City of Bowie every Wednesday in January with yard waste. Please make sure all lights and decorations are removed from the tree. Place your tree at the curb by 7:00 am. For more information please call, 301-262-6200.

Yard Waste - Leaves, Branches and Grass

Reminder: Yard waste recycling is mandatory in the City of Bowie. Yard waste is collected every Wednesday throughout the year. Place all yardwaste curbside, bagged and/or bundled, by 7:00 am each Wednesday. For more information please call, 301-262-6200.



In recognition of his outstanding service, dedication and selection as Greenbelt Post 136 Volunteer Fire Fighter of the Year Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Fighter Adam Anthony-Pyndell is pictured here receiving a Certificate of Recognition from Council Member Ingrid M. Turner.

LOCAL JOBS ALERT!

Six Flags America is seeking more than 2,000 friendly, energetic, service-oriented folks to join team for the 2012 season. Applications are available online now at sixflagsjobs.com. Interviews begin Monday, January 30th.

City of Bowie Winter Weather Reminder

With winter here, please remember to remove your vehicles from the street if snow or ice is in the forecast. This will allow plows and/or salt and sand vehicles to more thoroughly treat your street.

A Snow Emergency is declared whenever snow reaches a depth of two (2) inches. All vehicles must be removed from City streets during a Snow Emergency. The City begins plowing when the snow depth reaches two (2) inches. All main drives, hills and collector streets are treated and/or plowed first. Plowing continues until all streets have been cleared.

In the event of a snowfall of less than two (2) inches, all main drives, hills and collector streets are treated with salt and/or sand. Streets and cul-de-sacs that are flat or have only slight inclines with limited intersections are only treated in extreme icing conditions. Extreme icing conditions exist when ALL areas are coated with ice. An example would be an extended freezing rain event that coats roads, trees and power lines – often referred to as ice storms. During a snow or ice event only, it is acceptable to park your vehicle on your grass.

Each business and resident is responsible for removing snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of their property. To report hazardous conditions within the City of Bowie, please call 301-809-2344. More information about the City's snow removal program may be found on the City's website - www.cityofbowie.org/snow.



United States Park Police David Lamond is pictured here with Council Member Ingrid M. Turner in recognition of his outstanding service, dedication and selection as Greenbelt Post 136 United States Park Police of the Year

Council Member Ingrid M. Turner is pictured here with Master Police Officer Gordon Lee Rose in recognition of his outstanding service, dedication and selection as Greenbelt Post 136 National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year



Bowie's Leash Law - Protecting Your Pet

The City of Bowie and Prince George's County have "Leash Laws". A "Leash Law" is enacted to protect your pet and to protect others from your pet. A dog or cat not under proper restraint and control may attack another animal, chase a pedestrian, come into harms way by crossing a busy street or run away. There can be serious consequences if your pet is not leashed. A pet is considered "at large" when it is off the owner's property and not secured by a leash or not confined within a vehicle, another home or the fenced area of the City's Dog Park. A pet "at large" is considered a public nuisance and may be impounded immediately.

The owner or custodian of a pet running at large is subject to a fifty dollar (\$50) fine for the violation of Chapter 4 of the Bowie City Code. An owner may also be responsible for any civil damages incurred by their dog or cat running at large. Please protect your pet. Keep your companion pet leashed when not within the confines of your yard or home. For additional information, please contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002 or tdodge@cityofbowie.org.

City of Bowie Teacher of the Month

As a way to recognize the wonderful teachers who educate Bowie students, the Teacher of the Month program was instituted several years ago. City residents, parents, students, teachers and other school staff have the opportunity to say "Thank You" to a special teacher. Teacher selected are recognized by the City Council and are presented with a certificate, a \$100 savings bond, and a special lunch with their principal, courtesy of Main Street Catering.

Teachers at the following schools are eligible: Bowie and Tall Oaks High Schools, Benjamin Tasker and

Samuel Ogle Middle Schools; St. Pius X Regional, Grace Christian, Cornerstone Christian Academy, Holy Trinity (lower campus); Heather Hills, High Bridge, Kenilworth, Northview, Pointer Ridge, Rockledge, Tulip Grove, Whitehall and Yorktown Elementary Schools; Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center and C. Elizabeth Rieg Special Center. Nominations are accepted on a rolling basis at any time. Information is available at the above schools, on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org, or at City Hall. For more information, contact Annette Esterheld, liaison to the Education Committee, at 301-575-5601 or aesterheld@cityofbowie.org.

Arts and Education Scholarships

The City of Bowie will again offer Excellence in Education and Arts Scholarships for graduating high school seniors. Scholarship applications will be sent to high schools attended by Bowie students during the month of February. Schools are asked to nominate high school seniors who are City of Bowie residents and who meet the eligibility criteria for the Excellence in Education Scholarships. Students must live within the corporate limits of the City of Bowie and have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5. Interested individuals can also contact their guidance counselors at the school to express interest in being considered for nomination. The schools will provide applications for the students they nominate. The City Arts Scholarships require that the student live within the corporate limits of the City and have a cumulative 3.0 grade point average. Students must be planning to major in a visual or performing art field to qualify. Arts Scholarship applications may be obtained at the high schools or on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org. The application deadline for both scholarships is Monday, March 19, 2012. For more information, contact your high school guidance departments in February 2012 or Arts and Education Committee Liaison Annette Esterheld at 301-575-5601 or aesterheld@cityofbowie.org.

City of Bowie Youth & Family Services

Bowie Youth and Family Services (BYFS) offers counseling for families with children living in the home who are under the age of 18. 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. 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. 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 Workers

The City of Bowie has many teens (ages 13-17) looking for jobs. Do you need some help with household or yard chores, babysitting, shopping, computer work or tutoring? Please fill in a Teen Job Bank Resident application which is found on the City's website - www.cityofbowie.org or call Bowie Youth and Family Services at 301-809-3033. You can bring Teen and Resident applications to Bowie Youth & Family Services at the Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive, Room 203; fax a signed copy to 301-809-2303; or mail the application to Bowie Youth and Family Services, Bowie City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716.

The Bowie Food Pantry Needs Your Help

Due to the current economy, more and more families are feeling the pinch. The number of families seeking aid from the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund continues to rise. While donations during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season were greater than ever, soon the shelves will be bare again as the donations do not keep up with the need.

Please continue to donate to the Bowie Food Pantry on a regular basis and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to do so as well. The Pantry particularly needs nonperishable food items, but also accepts and distributes toiletries (toothpaste, soap, deodorant), baby items (diapers and wipes), and paper goods (tissues, paper towels and bathroom tissue).

Tax deductible monetary donations are also desired to help with emergency aid as well as to buy and restock shelves with various food items as they run low. Checks may be written to the Bowie Food Pantry and sent to Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry, 3120 Belair Drive, Bowie MD 20715.

The Pantry, located behind the Christian Community Presbyterian Church, is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. Donations can be brought to the Pantry, and a number of other collection points around the City including the Kenhill Center (old City Hall), the Bowie Senior Center and the City Gym. For more information, please contact the Pantry at 301-262-6765 or bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center Renovation is Completed!

Come to the newly renovated Springhill Lake Recreation Center! The City of Greenbelt recently made significant improvements to the interior and exterior of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Funding for this project was provided using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and City funds. In the coming weeks and month we will be holding a variety of FREE events highlighting new programs, activities and

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services that will be available at the newly renovated Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Watch for future announcements on the City website, Facebook page and the Greenbelt News Review.

For additional information please call the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-397-2200 or just drop by the center located at 6101 Cherrywood Lane and speak to our friendly staff to find out more about upcoming activities and events. The center is open 365 days a year, Monday through Friday from 2:00pm to 10:00pm, Saturdays 9:00am to 10:00pm and on Sundays from 1:00pm to 10:00pm.

Summer Day Camps in Greenbelt

Kinder Camp, Camp Pine Tree, Creative Kids Camp, Circus Camp, Camp Encore, and Youth on the Go (YOGO) are among the day camp choices the Greenbelt Recreation Department plans to offer this coming summer, providing a wide range of aquatic, athletic, and artistic choices for kids ages 3 to 15. Summer Camp registration will begin on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 for Greenbelt residents and Wednesday, February 15, 2012 for non-residents. For more information please call 301-397-2200 or visit the website at www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation.

Mary Purcell Geiger Scholarship Fund

The Mary Purcell Geiger Scholarship Fund supports partial financial assistance for Greenbelt residents of any age who are interested in participating in Greenbelt Recreation Department visual arts, performing arts and senior programs. Assistance is available on a limited basis according to need. Individuals who have not yet received scholarship assistance during the current program year (July through June) will be given priority status in the awarding of support. Otherwise, assistance will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note: funds cannot be applied to the cost

of PG Community College classes, camps (for which separate scholarship assistance is available), courses offered by independent individuals and organizations, or programs costing less than the minimum required patron contribution.

For more information as well as the application for please click the following link: [details / application](#). You may fill out this form on-line, but you must either save it and attach it to an email to ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov or you can print it out and either bring it in or mail to City of Greenbelt, Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Greenbelt Recreational Financial Assistance Program

The City of Greenbelt, an inclusive community, recognizes the fact that some residents may require financial assistance in order to participate in certain recreational activities that are offered through the Greenbelt Recreation Department. As a result, the City of Greenbelt's Financial Assistance program was developed and designed to assist eligible individuals and families experiencing financial difficulties to access our programs, by providing the option to apply for a reduced fee.

The Financial Assistance Application was designed to help us determine your eligibility and the best possible solution to meet your specific needs. Please complete and return the form and the proper documentation to our office as soon as possible at: Greenbelt Recreation Department, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, 20770. Regardless of your income, there are opportunities to participate. For more information please call or 301-397-2200.

Greenbelt Senior Center Updates

The Senior Game Room and Lounge are open to senior citizens, ages 60 and over, during regular operating hours. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

- **GOLDEN AGE CLUB**

The Golden Age Club meets every Wednesday from 11:00am- 12:00pm in the Community Center Multipurpose Room (room 201). Activities include speakers, special programs and field trips. Call Rose Remenick at 301-474-7087 for membership.

- **SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM**

The Senior Nutrition Program serves hot lunches at 12:00pm Monday through Friday in the commercial kitchen at the Community Center. Senior citizens must reserve a hot lunch at least two days in advance to ensure that enough meals are delivered. Requested meal donation is \$3. To make reservations please call 301-397-2208 x4215.

- **CARDS ANYONE?**

Bridge groups play from 12:30pm to 3:30pm in the senior game room at the Community Center every Thursday, Friday and every other Tuesday. If you are interested in joining the groups call Robin Schlauch (Thursday and Friday Bridge) at 301-474-2605 or Ruth Burton (Tuesday Bridge) at 301-345- 0323. Following the Golden Age Club on Wednesdays, Pinochle players gather to play. For more information call Shirleyanne Egenreider at 301-345-1974.

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