

NEWS FROM THE GLEN

Newsletter of Glen Allen

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Bowie, Maryland

Spring 2013

Annual Meeting – June 11

Glen Allen's Annual Meeting for 2013 will be held on June 11th at 7:00 PM at All Saints Lutheran Church at the corner of Mt. Oak Road and Route 301. This meeting is your opportunity to meet with other homeowners, hear reports of what is happening in the community and elect officers. Representatives of at least 10% of the homes in the community must attend for the meeting to count; that's about 40 homes represented.

The meeting and election should not take long. This year, Charles Brown's and Cary Hithon's terms are up. Charles is currently the Vice President of the HOA and chair of the Architectural Review Committee. Cary currently serves as the HOA's Treasurer.

If you can't attend, please give a completed proxy to one of the Board members or mail or fax it to Sherry Jones at ProCom, 400 Serendipity Dr., Millersville, MD 21108 (fax # 410-721-4854).

Upcoming Events

Bowie Town Center Council Presentation:

May 20, 8:00PM at City Hall. Many residents have expressed concerns and interest in the future of the Bowie Town Center with recent changes in stores and retailers at the mall and regional competition. The City Council will be hearing from representatives of Simon Management, owners and operators of the Town Center, on their activities and the future at the Town Center. Come to the meeting to speak and hear about this major economic engine for the City.

Washington Post "State of Education in Prince George's" Forum:

May 23, 6:30PM at P.G. Comm. College
The Washington Post will be hosting the forum with education leaders in the County to discuss our public education system and the recent changes implemented by the State.

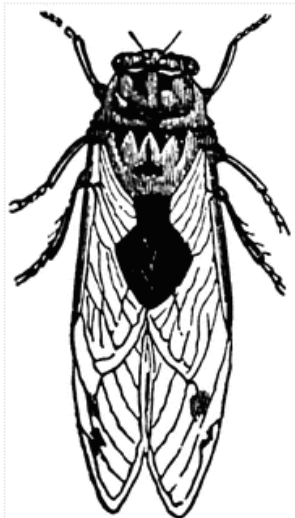
From a Legislative Update from Todd Turner, At Large Bowie City Council Member

Brood II Cicadas

The Washington, D.C. area will experience another “brood” of 17-year cicadas in May and June of this year. In the summer of 2004, we experienced a huge event with the emergence of “Brood X” cicadas. This upcoming “Brood II” will not be as overwhelming as the 2004 experience but they will still definitely make their presence known starting around mid-May, with millions of cicadas in the tree tops by Memorial Day. This insect will do some damage to twigs and smaller branches on many area trees as they cut and/or gouge into the branches to lay their eggs for the next generation. [Small saplings and newly planted trees are especially vulnerable. Some nurseries and home owners cover young trees with cloth netting to avoid damage. –Ed]

For more information on this insect and its lifecycle, check out this fascinating video by David Attenborough and the BBC - www.youtube.com/watch?v=tjLiWy2nT7U . Also, you can learn more about cicadas at www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cicada . So get ready for the invasion and the noise. Ear plugs are optional!

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Hospitality, Vacant
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Storm Drain Art Contest

The City is holding a contest to find designs to paint on a few storm drains to raise awareness of the impacts of stormwater runoff. The contest is for ages 8 and up and will provide cash prizes. The full entry packet is available at the link below. The deadline is Friday, June 21, 2013.

For more information, contact the City's Watershed Manager, Tiffany Wright, twright@cityofbowie.org, or by phone at 301-809-3043. Entry packets are available at www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie.

Don't Open the Door to Strangers

Residents should be wary of a scam in which individuals impersonate utility workers, according to a recently filed police report in the Bowie area.

Be suspicious of anyone who arrives at your home without an appointment asking to check an appliance, checking for gas leaks, performing maintenance or suggesting that there may be some electrical problem inside a residence. Typically, appointments are scheduled for these issues. If the individual is claiming to be a utility worker, electrician, etc., immediately ask for credential verification. Call the company and verify that the person is supposed to be at your residence. Identification should include their name, picture, name of the company and company seal. If they refuse to provide identification **DO NOT LET THEM INSIDE YOUR HOME AND DIAL 911**. If someone calls and requests you to leave your residence at a specific time for a utility-related cause, call the police. This could be a burglary set up by the caller.

Please share this message with all in your household. Allowing a stranger to enter your home without proper identification may prove dangerous. For additional ways you can remain safe, please contact Sergeant Henderson at (301) 575-1824.

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New Service Request Mobile App

The City of Bowie has just launched its new Service Request mobile app. This app gives residents the ability to submit service requests from their mobile devices. This app is available for both the [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.

The Bowie, MD Service Request app is a free and easy to use tool that provides Bowie citizens the ability to submit service requests, questions and search the FAQ knowledge-base. When a citizen observes an issue (pothole, street light outage, abandoned car, etc.) they can quickly submit a photo and description of the problem that goes directly to city staff.

This app also contains quick links to City news and Bowie's recreation locations including the Gymnasium, Ice Arena, Museums, Parks, Playhouse, and Special Events.

For more information on how this app works or how to install the app on your mobile device, please contact:

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Cooking with Bob

Mushroom Caps with Crab Stuffing

Ingredients:

- 36 1-1/2 inch Mushroom Caps
- 15 oz. Lump Crab Meat (flaked) – check crab carefully for bits of shell
- 3 cups Fresh Bread Crumbs (use food processor)
- 2 Eggs (beaten)
- ¼ cup Mayonnaise
- 4 T Green Onions (chopped fine)
- 4T Celery (chopped fine)
- 2 t Parsley Flakes
- 1 t Dry Mustard
- 1-1/2 t Sea Salt
- 1 t Old Bay Seasoning (or to taste)
- 1/8 t Hot Sauce (or to taste)
- 2 cups Crushed Potato Chips

Combine all ingredients but the mushrooms and the potato chips. Mix well and chill one hour. Fill the mushroom caps with the crab mixture. Dip each filled mushroom in the crushed potato chips. Arrange the mushroom caps in a glass baking dish. Bake for 15 minutes in a 375 degree oven. Serve immediately.

Bowiefest

June 1st

11:00AM to 6:00PM

Allen Pond Park

**Food, Crafts,
Entertainment,
Information**

Ants Go Marching

The last couple of years have seen a pretty brutal assault on our homes by ants. It's bad enough when you see multitudes of ant hills in your yard, but it's especially bad when they invade your home.

There are many ways to deal with this invasion, but here's a new one that has been verified effective by a local pest control company. The first indication of trouble is when you see one or two ants around a window sill or sink (ants like water). These are the scout ants. You can deal with the scout ants quickly with a tissue. Then, suddenly, you're overrun. The scouts communicate to the rest of the ants via a scent trail of pheromones which they follow to the goodies even though the scouts are history.

The trick is to disrupt the trail of pheromones; soap and water won't do it. Pine oil or oil of clove will get rid of the trail. Unfortunately, they are hard to find. Some cleaners, however, contain pine oil. Pine-Sol was recommended but others probably contain it too – check the labels. Stay away from the lemon or citrus scented variety. As soon as you see and dispatch the scout ants, swab the area (window sills, sink back splashes, etc.) with undiluted pine cleaner. That should do it. The cleaner will leave an odor which is not unpleasant but can be fairly strong. This will dissipate.

If you have a severe infestation you may still have call in the professionals to deal with the problem.

Crime Statistics for Glen Allen

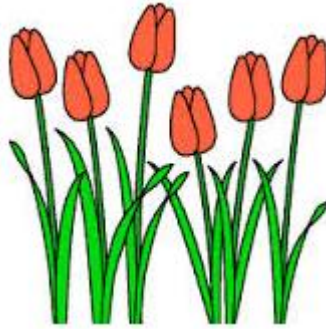
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	1	0	0	0
Commercial Robbery	0	0	1	0	0
Residential Robbery	0	0	1	0	0
Citizen Robbery	2	0	0	1	0
Carjackings	0	0	0	0	0
Assaults	1	2	7	1	2
Commercial Burglary	0	2	0	1	0
Residential Burglary	2	1	1	0	1
Theft	23	20	26	14	5
Theft from Auto	16	6	9	8	5
Stolen Vehicles	1	1	5	3	0

Bowie PD data for Beat E1.
May data through May 12.

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