

# NEWS FROM THE GLEN

**Newsletter of Glen Allen**  
[www.glenallen.org](http://www.glenallen.org)  
**Bowie, Maryland**  
**Fall 2011**

## ALERT BOWIE!

Glen Allen has just made it through a week that saw an earthquake and a hurricane. Mother Nature should only be allowed to inflict a maximum of one natural disaster a month on us. Two in one week is over kill.

ALERT BOWIE is a system maintained by the city that will immediately contact you during a major crisis or emergency. It will deliver emergency alerts, notifications and updates on all your devices, including:

- E-mail
- Cell phone
- Text pager
- Blackberry

ALERT BOWIE is your personal connection to real-time updates, instructions on where to go, what to do or not to do, who to contact, etc. During the hurricane, I received numerous messages on how to prepare for the hurricane, emergency phone numbers, and several updates on power and traffic light outages and ramp and road closures. Even though I did not

plan to leave the house, it was good to know what was going on around me. If I had to leave, these would have been invaluable.

If you wish to sign up, go to Bowie's website ([www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org)) and click on ALERT BOWIE on the left side of the screen. It is free to sign up although your wireless carrier may charge a fee to receive text messages.

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## Dog Walking Etiquette

When you take your dog for a walk and the opportunity for "relief", always pick up after it. Even dog lovers are less than happy when they see you let your dog go on their lawn and not clean it up. They are even less happy when they accidentally step in it afterward. It is against the Bowie City Code (Chapter 4, Section 4-17) and Glen Allen's Declaration of Covenants (Offensive Activity), plus it's just un-neighborly!

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Here are some common myths about pet waste from the county's Department of Environmental Resources.

**Myth:** Pet waste doesn't hurt the environment

**Fact:** Sooner or later pet waste left on the ground finds its way to our storm drains, streams and rivers. It decomposes and produces substances that consume the oxygen in the water that fish and other aquatic animals need to live. It can make our streams and rivers unsafe for swimming.

**Myth:** Pet waste decays quickly

**Fact:** It actually breaks down very slowly. In winter, if it freezes, it decays even slower.

**Myth:** Waste from my ONE dog can't hurt

**Fact:** Maybe, maybe not. But we're not talking about one dog, we're talking about 12,000 dogs (the number of licensed dogs in Prince George's County) plus the unknown number of unlicensed dogs.

**Myth:** No one cares if I pick up after my pet or not

**Fact:** Stepped in what!?! Sure, they care. They especially care if it is in front of their house or in their yard. More complaints are made for pet waste than for aggressive dogs, barking or dogs running loose (the HOA has received its share of complaints on this). In Prince George's County not picking it up is against the law and may result in a \$250 fine.

**Myth:** Picking up after my dog is too inconvenient and messy

**Fact:** No one enjoys doing it, but it has become easier. There are lots of commercial products including special plastic bags and pooper-scoopers. Those otherwise useless plastic bags from grocery stores are excellent for this purpose.

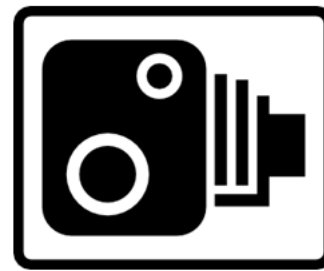
## Speed Camera Reminder

The City of Bowie has placed speed cameras in various school zones throughout the City. Citations are issued when the speed cameras capture drivers exceeding the posted speed limit by 12 or more miles per hour. Cameras are in operation Monday through Friday, from 6 AM to 8 PM throughout the entire year (not just when schools are in session).

Speed camera locations in Bowie include:

- MD 450 (near Bowie HS & St. Pius X Regional School)
- MD 197 (near Rockledge ES)
- Northview Dr. (near Northview ES)
- Old Chapel Rd. (near Samuel Ogle MS & Whitehall ES)
- Racetrack Rd. (near Yorktown ES)
- Belair Dr. (near the Belair Annex to Bowie HS)

For questions or more information about this program, please contact the Bowie Police Department at 301-575-2480 or visit the Police Department page on the City website.



## HOA Contacts

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## New Non-Emergency Phone Number

Calls for police service are handled by the Prince George's County Communications Center. Because of the Center's recent move to a new location, the number to report a crime or have a police officer respond in a **non-emergency** situation has changed. The new phone number for non-emergency police service is 301-352-1200.

If you need to reach the Administrative Offices of the Bowie Police Department, call 301-575-2480, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In an emergency, always call 911.

## Crime Statistics for Glen Allen and Surrounding Area

Crimes	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.
<b>Homicide</b>	0	0	0
<b>Forcible Rape</b>	0	1	0
Commercial Robbery	0	0	0
<b>Residential Robbery</b>	0	0	0
<b>Citizen Robbery</b>	1	0	0
<b>Carjacking</b>	0	0	0
<b>Assaults</b>	4	2	3
Commercial Burglary	0	0	0
<b>Residential Burglary</b>	3	5	2
<b>Theft</b>	23	27	20
<b>Theft from Auto</b>	9	7	8
<b>Stolen Auto</b>	8	6	3

Includes both county PD and Bowie PD data. August data goes through August 25.

## Crime Statistics for Glen Allen Only

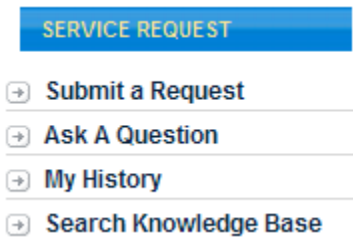
Reports Written	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.
<b>Accident</b>	0	0	0
<b>Assault</b>	0	0	0
<b>Break &amp; Enter</b>	0	0	1
<b>Disorderly Conduct</b>	0	0	0
<b>Domestic / Dispute</b>	0	0	2
<b>Theft</b>	1	0	3
<b>Theft from Auto</b>	0	1	1
<b>Stolen Vehicle</b>	0	1	0
<b>Vandalism</b>	0	1	0

August data goes through August 25.

# How to Report a Broken Street Light

Residents are generally the first to know when a street light burns out or is broken. Suddenly the night seems very dark indeed. Bowie now has a way to report this quickly and easily on the city's website ([www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org)). Here's how to do it:

1. Once on the site, click on SERVICE REQUEST on the left side of the screen, then click 'Submit a Request' on the drop-down menu.



2. When the next page comes up, click on 'Streets' on the drop-down menu under Category, then click 'Find Request Type.'

A screenshot of a web form. It has a "Category:" label next to a dropdown menu currently showing "All Categories". Below that is a "Keyword Search:" label next to an empty text input field with "(Optional)" to its right. At the bottom of the form is a blue button labeled "Find Request Type".

3. Scroll down and click on Select next to 'Street Lights.'



Street Lights

To report a street light outage, day burner, knockdown or other street light issue, please provide an address where the light is located and/or the street light pole number (located approximately 5 feet up the pole, on a black on silver sticker). In order to complete the request for service the pole location address and/or pole number is required.

From there on, the site will prompt you for the information needed to get the process started.

# Cooking With Bob

## Bolognese Sauce

### Ingredients:

- 2 Large Carrots (diced)
- 1 Medium Onion (diced)
- 1 1/2 lb Ground Round
- 29 oz Can Tomato Puree
- 12 oz Can Tomato Paste
- 1 oz Cognac
- 1/4 t Red Pepper Flakes
- 3/4 t Black Pepper
- 1/2 t Basil
- 1/4 t Oregano
- 1 T Sugar
- 1 t Salt
- 1/3 cup Half and Half
- 1/3 cup Olive Oil



Heat olive oil in a Dutch oven at medium high heat. Add the diced carrots and onions. Sauté until the onions become translucent. Push the vegetables to the sides of the pot. Crumble the ground round into the center of the pot and add salt and (1/4 t) of the black pepper. Cook on medium high heat until the meat is browned (Do not completely stir the meat and vegetables until the meat is browned). Drain off any fat. Add the tomato puree and tomato paste plus the sugar, basil, oregano, red pepper, and (1/2 t) of black pepper. Add a little additional salt to taste. Mix well, cover, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium low, add the half and half and simmer covered for about 20 minutes. Stir frequently to avoid sticking. Add the cognac and simmer for 2-3 additional minutes. Serves 6.



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