

BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

Leaf Collection Begins November 1

The City of Bowie Curbside Vacuum Leaf Collection Program begins November 1 and runs through mid-December. Every single-family home neighborhood will have two collections during that time. Neighborhoods will be scheduled during a specific week and not on a specific date.

View the 2021 schedule at www.cityofbowie.org/leaves. Leaves should be raked to the curb (but not in the street), by 7 a.m. on Monday of your scheduled week. Do not rake or blow leaves into the street. Leaves should be in piles on the grass next to the curb. Additionally, if you have a storm drain close to your house please keep the storm drain and curb clear of leaves to prevent them from blocking water flow and flooding the roadways.

Each afternoon, progress will be posted at www.cityofbowie.org/leaves. It will show each neighborhood scheduled for that week and whether it has been completed. Once the truck passes through your street, it will not return again that week.

Call the Public Works Department at **301-809-2344** if you have questions about the Curbside Leaf Collection Program.

Please note: If you prefer to bag your leaves, they will be picked up

on Wednesdays with yard waste. Use paper yard waste bags (no plastic bags).

Refuse Collection Changes

In an effort to combat the growing problem of vultures, raccoons, and other wildlife tearing open trash bags and strewing the waste around yards, sidewalks, and streets, the City has made a change to its rules for trash collection. **Effective November 1**, trash that contains food scraps, human or animal waste, carryout containers, or anything that is likely to attract wildlife will need to be bagged and placed in a trash can with a secure lid. It is no longer sufficient to simply put bags that will attract wildlife at the curb.

Also effective November 1, crews will be limited in the kinds of household construction debris they can pick up. Construction

waste, such as lumber, doors, windows, drywall, tile, shingles and roofing materials will not be collected. Instead, these materials must be hauled away by a contractor, taken to the County landfill, or taken to a site that accepts construction materials, such as the Annapolis Junction Transfer Station in Jessup. For a list of what items are accepted at the Prince George's County landfill in Upper Marlboro, visit their [website](#) or call **301-952-7625**.

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Other construction debris a resident generates during repair or renovation of their Bowie home may be put in contractor trash bags and placed at the curb. Bags must be tied closed and weigh less than 50 pounds each. Non-metal cabinets, fixtures, laminate or wood countertops, and tied rolls of carpet or padding (in 4-foot sections) do not need to be in bags. These items can be set out next to cans or bags.

For more information, visit www.cityofbowie.org/curbcollection or call **301-809-2344**.

New Management for Bowie Golf Course

The City has entered into an agreement with a new management company to operate the Bowie Golf Course. Indigo Sports will take over management duties and will work to reopen the course in the coming weeks.

On October 18, City Council unanimously approved an agreement with the firm, which is based in Reston, Virginia, and currently operates courses all over the US, including two courses in Anne Arundel County.

Indigo has begun hiring employees and setting up operations. The City has been maintaining the golf course grounds since it closed on October 1 and looks forward to welcoming golfers soon. City staff has also been making numerous minor repairs to the structures and cleaning the facilities to make sure they are safe and ready for business.

The course closed at the beginning of October when the City was unable to come to terms with another management company. The previous course operators retired on September 30 after 40 years running the Bowie Golf Course.



COVID-19 NEWS

- To keep up with the latest news about COVID, please sign up for Alert Bowie at www.cityofbowie.org/alerts. Daily COVID updates are published each weekday afternoon.
- Need a COVID-19 Vaccination? Visit www.covidvax.maryland.gov or call 1-855-MD-GOVAX (1-855-634-6829) for vaccination locations. Visit mypgc.us/COVIDVaccine for more information about County vaccination clinics.
- Visit coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/symptoms-testing for a list of all COVID-19 testing sites in Maryland. You may also call the Prince George's County Health Department testing line for information about County testing locations at 301-883-6627 or visit www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3397/Coronavirus.
- If you are a City of Bowie senior or disabled person in need of assistance, fill out the NHN Senior or Disabled Application at www.cityofbowie.org/nhn. If you would like to volunteer to help seniors or disabled residents, complete the NHN Volunteer Application on the same page. For more information, contact Lori Cunningham at 301-832-7451 or lcunningham@cityofbowie.org.
- Homebound residents who need COVID vaccinations can call County Click 3-1-1 for assistance.

November City Holidays

Veterans Day - Thursday, November 11, 2021

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 25, 2021

Day After Thanksgiving - Friday, November 26, 2021

City offices will be closed on the dates listed above. There will be no refuse or recycling service on these dates; services will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.

Emergency Food Assistance

As part of the City's CARES Act COVID relief programming, nonperishable food will be given away at the Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, **November 6** and Saturday, **November 13**.

Only residents that live within the municipal limits of the City of Bowie are eligible for this program. Residents must provide proof of Bowie residency with either a driver's license or piece of mail.

These are drive-thru events; volunteers will load bags of groceries into residents' vehicles while residents remain in their cars. For information or questions, contact Program Coordinator Kay Starr, at cobcares@cityofbowie.org or **301-809-3009**.

For more information about food programs in and around Bowie, please visit www.cityofbowie.org/food.

Green Bowie Veterans Day 5K

The third annual Veterans Day 5K takes place **November 13** at 8:30 a.m. at the Bowie Town Center (rear parking lot by Five Guys). The course-certified 5K is a FREE run and walk for everyone. The event provides a fun way to support and celebrate the City's veterans while promoting overall health, wellness, and sustainability. The first 500 individuals to register will receive a free t-shirt. Register now at www.cityofbowie.org/5K.

For more information, contact adiaz@cityofbowie.org or **301-809-3044**.

Green Tip of the Month

This Thanksgiving, consider using reusable or compostable table settings, encourage family and friends to recycle, and use your dishwasher rather than hand washing dishes - you will save far more water this way. For more information, visit www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie.

New Electric Vehicles and Charging Stations

The City of Bowie took another step toward sustainability and reducing its dependence on fossil fuels recently, with the expansion of its electrical vehicle fleet and the installation of new electric vehicle charging stations at City Hall.

Bowie adopted a new Climate Action Plan in 2020 and has been working to follow it by implementing more sustainable practices and making more green purchases whenever possible. To that end, it recently began operating its own solar farm and expanding the number of electric vehicles in the fleet. The City's electric vehicle fleet now includes two electric motorcycles used by the Police Department, and several hybrid cars and four fully electric vehicles. The most recent addition was three Chevy Bolts, obtained for use by the Code Department, making Code operations significantly cleaner than before by reducing their oil dependency and emissions. The Bolts, along with the Nissan Leaf the City's had since 2016, are charged by new SemaConnect chargers, supporting a business based here in Bowie. A ribbon cutting ceremony took place to celebrate the new charging stations on October 22.

The City has also entered into a partnership with BGE and now has public charging stations on the side of City Hall, near the pond at Centennial Park, and at the Kenhill Center on Kenhill Drive. Residents and passersby with electric vehicles may use them as needed, just like a gas station, supporting growing infrastructure efforts throughout the state and proving Bowie is committed to moving forward in support of electric vehicles.

For more information, visit www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie.

City Council Meetings to Note

- **November 1**, 8 p.m.
Agenda: BGE Update; Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)
- **November 15**, 8 p.m.
Agenda: Appeal of Bowie Advisory Planning Board Resolution BV-2-21; Revision to Detailed Site Plan 07072/01 (Block 3, Lots 1 & 2), Melford Retail Site

Meetings are in-person and open to the public. Also view them at www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings, on FIOS Channel 10 or Comcast Channels 71 and 996 or Youtube @CityofBowieMD. Those wishing to submit written testimony may do so by emailing cityclerk@cityofbowie.org. (It will not be read during the meeting, but will be included as part of the record.) Testimony must be received by 7 p.m. on the day of the meeting. For information, contact City Clerk Awilda Hernandez at **301-809-3029**.

City Committee Vacancies Available

Learn more about City government, share your talents with the Bowie community, and meet others with similar interests by serving on a City committee. See the vacancy list below and find out more at www.cityofbowie.org/committees.

Current vacancies include the following committees: Advisory Planning Board, Arts, Board of Elections, Community Outreach,

Community Recreation, Diversity, Education, Environmental Advisory, Financial Advisory, Green Team, Information Technology. For more information, contact cityclerk@cityofbowie.org or **301-809-3029**.

Bowie City Gym

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388
www.cityofbowie.org/gym

The Gym is closed through October 31 for HVAC work.

City Museums

301-809-3089
www.cityofbowie.org/museums

Museum Events:

- **Veterans Day Tribute**
11/6, 12 - 5 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Re-enactors, music and presentations
- **Kids Kaboose**
11/12, 10:30 -11:30 a.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. For kids ages 3 - 8, with an adult. Space is limited. Free
- **Wine and Design, Beautiful Gift Baskets**
11/12, 7 - 9 p.m. at Belair Mansion. \$25 fee. Advanced registration required, **301-809-3089** or sproctor@cityofbowie.org. Bring your favorite adult beverage; snacks provided. Create beautiful gift baskets!
- **Fairy Tale Fun**
11/24, 10 - 11 a.m. at Belair Mansion. Read a story and enjoy a craft. Ages 3 - 8, with adult. Free

- **Trainspotting Day**
11/28, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. AMTRAK's busiest day of the year. Free

Bowie Senior Center

14900 Health Center Drive
301-809-2300
www.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Offerings:

Activities, Events and Classes, Information & Referral Services, and Transportation by Appointment

- **Can You Trust Your Trust?**
11/4, 9:30 a.m. Presented by Byrd & Byrd, LLC
- **Honoring Veterans**
11/4, 1 p.m. Speaker William Edward Alli, Korean War veteran
- **Health Presentation: Fall Prevention**
11/10, 10 a.m.
- **Join the Bowie Senior Chorale**
Registration is open.

Bowie Ice Arena

3330 Northview Drive
301-809-3090
www.cityofbowie.org/icearena

Registration for **Series 2 Group Lessons** begins November 18. Take advantage of the \$10 early bird discount. Classes will begin December 9.

To view the monthly calendar, visit www.cityofbowie.org/icearena.

Be sure to check out the extra sessions around the holidays.

Homeowners

Association Leaders

The City of Bowie will host a future meeting for leaders of homeowners associations located within the incorporated City limits. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the needs of associations and how associations can best collaborate with the City.

The meeting is open to the president or vice president of each association. An officer of each HOA or civic association is asked to please complete the following survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/HOA. The survey may also be requested via email. For more information, please contact Lori Cunningham at **301-832-7451** or lcunningham@cityofbowie.org.

Bowie Public Art

The City of Bowie intends to replace its iconic "living" sign at the intersection of Route 197 and Kenhill Drive, the "Bowie"

bushes. The existing yew shrubs will be removed; shrubs cannot be replanted in the space due to disease.

The City invited artist teams to respond to a Request for Proposals for the design and installation of new signage for this location. The design should incorporate sustainable materials and may have a landscape design to accent the word "Bowie". The process includes community engagement in order to assist the artists in curating a design that reflects the interests of the community. To participate in this public art design process, please complete the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/PublicArtSign. For more information, please contact Lori Cunningham at **301-832-7451** or lcunningham@cityofbowie.org.

Become a Teen Mentor

When you volunteer to mentor a middle or high school student, you will spend one hour a week building a positive relationship that has the potential to change the course of a teen's school

experience, their life, and your community! Find more information and apply online at www.cityofbowie.org/mentor.

Bowie Youth & Family Services Offers Counseling

Counselors at Bowie Youth & Family Services (BYFS) are available to help families and individuals. BYFS serves individuals, families and groups in the Bowie community. BYFS also offers counseling and stress management groups for tweens and teens who are experiencing stress related to the pandemic.

BYFS is also available to offer referrals and support by phone to all residents who are experiencing stress and who need assistance. Staff members are licensed clinicians who each hold a graduate degree in a mental health specialty and who have years of training and experience in treating individuals and families. Call **1-513-817-3158** for assistance, or to arrange for an appointment. information, please visit www.cityofbowie.org/youthservices.

Recent Videos

Veterans Day 5K Race



Leaf Collection



View more recent videos on the city's YouTube channel ([@BowieMD](https://www.youtube.com/@BowieMD))

Looking for a Few Good Officers

Help the Bowie Police Department recruit the best and brightest and you could get \$500! The department has launched a new referral program that gives \$500 to community members who refer a candidate that is hired by the department.

The program is a win-win for everyone. Community members help determine who they would like to see as Bowie Police Officers, they get \$500 for their efforts, and the City hopefully gets solid candidates with community connections to help keep Bowie safe.

Visit the Police Department's [employment webpage](#) for more information.

Bowie Police Explorers

The Bowie Police Explorers Post 1916 is looking for new members.

Being a Police Explorer is a great way for youth, ages 14-20, to learn about how police departments operate, earn service hours, and consider if they might be interested in a career in law enforcement.

To learn more about the program, visit www.cityofbowie.org/348/Explorers-Post-1916.

Explorer Open House at the Police Department on October 28 at 6 p.m.

Donate to Toys for Tots

Join the Bowie Police Department to help make the upcoming Christmas special for children. Please donate new unwrapped toys to Toys for Tots.

Donations will be accepted at the following City locations: City Hall, Bowie Police Station, Gymnasium, Ice Arena, Senior Center and Kenhill Center. Please drop toys off by December 15, 2021.

For more information, please contact the Bowie Police Department at 240-544-5700 or cops@cityofbowie.org or visit www.cityofbowie.org/police.

Snow Removal Time Waiver

City property owners/residents are responsible for removing snow and/or ice from the sidewalk adjacent to their property within 48 hours of cessation of a snowfall. The City provides additional time for people with considering factors such as age or physical disability, but you

must submit a waiver application, found at www.cityofbowie.org/snowwaiver.

For more information, please contact the Code Compliance Office at **301-809-3008** or codecompliance@cityofbowie.org.

Emergency Assistance for Renters


According to recent data for the region, of those renters who are behind on rent, 24% are waiting to receive pandemic emergency assistance funds, 10% were denied, and the vast majority, more than 60%, did not apply at all.

If you can't make your rent due to the effects of the pandemic, be sure to explore all your options for assistance.

Call the Prince George's County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) Hotline at **301-883-6504**, Monday thru Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Press #9 to access ERAP and get answers to questions regarding the status of an application;

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DEVOTED
ACCOUNTABLE
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YOU KNOW?**

**REFER A CANDIDATE!
IF WE HIRE THEM, YOU GET
\$500!**



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WWW.CITYOFBOWIE.ORG/POLICE



schedule appointments with Field Intake Representatives; and get assistance with completing the ERAP application.

[Learn more and apply](#)

Community Outreach Grants

The City of Bowie offers funding, through the Community Outreach Committee (COC), for individuals and organizations that have plans to implement a program that will help meet the needs of City of Bowie residents.

The Community Outreach Grant application process reopened October 25, 2021 for round two grant funding.

The committee will host a virtual Grant Application Clinic on Thursday, **November 4, 2021** at 6:30 p.m. Please [click here](#) to register.

COC grants are awarded in areas of social services, senior citizens, and mental health. Please note that this year, the City will also highlight projects that include a social justice component. Individuals, groups and/or organizations that provide services that assist underserved residents of the incorporated City of Bowie are encouraged to apply.

During round two, \$10,000 is available to be awarded to successful applicants through a competitive selection process. The maximum amount that will be awarded for any grant is \$5,000. Although applicants need not be City of Bowie residents, the grant program for which they are seeking funds must directly benefit City residents.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all applications must follow local, county and state orders and provide details as to how projects will be executed virtually.

Please [click here](#) to apply for the second round of the 2021-2022 Community Outreach Grants. The application deadline is **November 22, 2021, by 5 p.m.**

For more information, please contact Lori Cunningham at lcunningham@cityofbowie.org or **301-832-7451**.

Low-Cost Rabies Clinic November 6

Get your dog, cat, or ferret a rabies vaccination at a low-cost clinic in the parking lot of City Hall on **November 6**. The cost is \$10 for spayed or neutered pets (proof required) and \$25 for pets that are not altered. Payment must be made in cash.

Pets must be at least three months old to receive a rabies vaccine and must be on a leash or in a carrier and under control at all times. Hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Microchipping is also available at this event.

For more information, please contact Bowie Animal Control at **301-809-3002**.

Plant One Tree On Us

If you live within the incorporated limits of the City of Bowie and have not requested a free native tree planted for you by a City contractor, you have one more chance. About 10 trees are still available for fall planting. Sign up for one of the remaining slots in the Plant One Tree On Us program. To learn more and to request a new native tree, please visit www.cityofbowie.org/plantonetree.

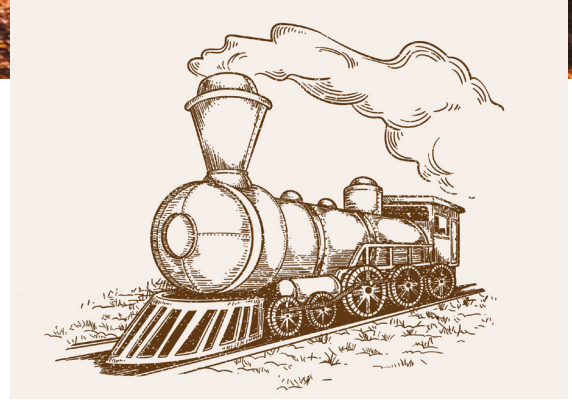
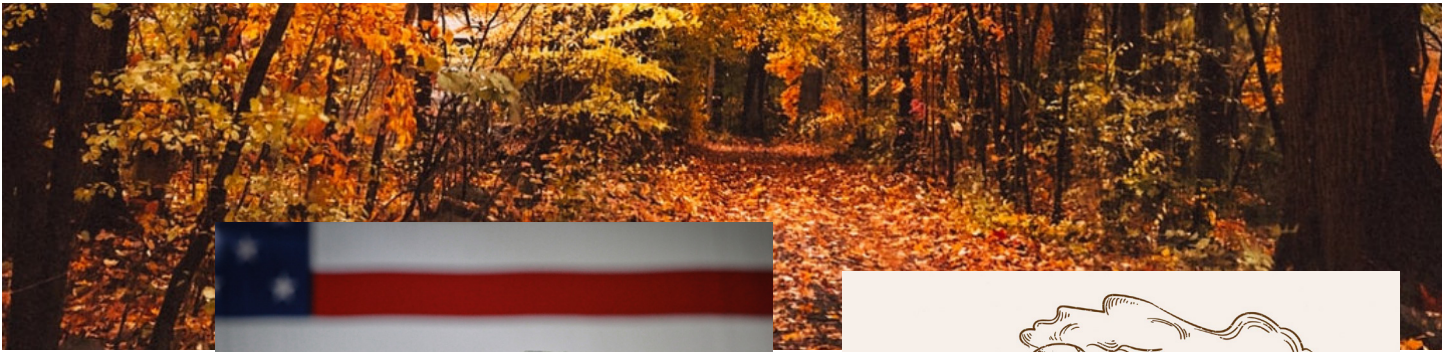
For more information, contact twright@cityofbowie.org or **301-809-3043**.

Halloween

Suggested trick or treating hours in Bowie are 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on October 31.

BOWIE CITY HALL HAS A NEW ADDRESS
BUT NOT A NEW LOCATION

The mailing address for City Hall is now
15901 FRED ROBINSON WAY
BOWIE, MD 20716



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November

Monday, November 1

Leaf Collection Begins

www.cityofbowie.org/leaves

City Council Meeting

8 p.m., Bowie City Hall

Thursday, November 4

Can You Trust Your Trust?

9:30 a.m., Bowie Senior Center
Presented by Byrd & Byrd, LLC

Honoring Veterans

1 p.m., Bowie Senior Center
Speaker William Edward Alli,
Korean War veteran

Saturday, November 6

Emergency Food Assistance Drive-thru Event

10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Kenhill Center

Low-cost Rabies Clinic

10 a.m. - 1 p.m., City Hall

Veteran's Day Tribute

12 - 5 p.m., Belair Mansion

Wednesday, November 10

Health Presentation: Fall Prevention

10 a.m., Bowie Senior Center

Thursday, November 11

Veterans Day - City Holiday

City offices are closed. There is no
refuse or recycling service on this

date. Service will resume on the
next regularly scheduled day.

Friday, November 12

Kids Kaboose

10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Bowie Railroad
Museum.

Wine and Design, Beautiful Gift Baskets

7 - 9 p.m. at Belair Mansion.
\$25/person. Space limited.
Reservations required.

Saturday, November 13

Green Bowie Veterans Day 5K

8:30 a.m., Bowie Town Center

Emergency Food Assistance Drive-thru Event

10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Kenhill Center



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, November 15

City Council Meeting
8 p.m., Bowie City Hall

Thursday, November 18

Registration for Series 2 Group Skating Lessons Begins
Bowie Ice Arena , 301-809-3090

Monday, November 22

Community Outreach Committee Grant Application Deadline

Wednesday, November 24

Fairy Tale Fun
10 a.m., Belair Mansion

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving Day - City Holiday
City offices are closed. There is no refuse or recycling service on this date. Service will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.

Friday, November 26

Day After Thanksgiving - City Holiday
City offices are closed. There is no refuse or recycling service on this date. Service will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.

Sunday, November 28

Trainspotting Day
10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Bowie Railroad Museum.

Looking Ahead:

Friday, December 24

Christmas - City Holiday
City offices are closed. There is no refuse or recycling service on this date. Service will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.

Wednesday, December 29

Fairy Tale Fun
10 a.m., Belair Mansion

Friday, December 31

New Year's - City Holiday
City offices are closed. There is no refuse or recycling service on this date. Service will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.

Prevent Sewer Blockages and Backups

Sewer blockages and backups can cause property damage, health risks, environmental damage, and inconvenience for you and your neighbors. Help prevent blockages and backups in the following ways:

- Pour cooled grease into cans and dispose of in the trash. Never pour grease down sinks or toilets.
- Put baskets/strainers in sinks to catch food scraps. Empty strainers into the trash.

- Scrape grease and food scraps into a secure container and place in the trash.
- Place paper towels, feminine products and disposable diapers in the trash - never down the toilet.
- Use degreasers sparingly - they may pass grease down the line and cause problems elsewhere.

your sewer line to about 4 inches above ground level. It makes the sewer line accessible outside of your house. Without a cleanout, a plumber must either remove a toilet or run a cable through a roof vent to access the sewer line, which can be costly. If you don't have a cleanout, consider installing one as close to your house as possible. A cleanout is considered a home improvement.

Also, check your homeowner's insurance policy to determine if you are covered for a sewage backup. This insurance is relatively inexpensive for the coverage and peace of mind it provides. If you are not covered for sewage backups, call your agent for information on cost and coverage options.

Where is Your Cleanout?

The backup of sewage in your home is an unpleasant prospect. Fortunately, you can protect your property. A cleanout is a capped pipe in your yard that rises from

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