

## **Bowie News Flash Update as of January 12, 2018**

### **City Hosts Program on Saturday, January 13, 2018 to Honor Dr. King**

The City of Bowie will host its annual program and tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 10 a.m. at City Hall. The program is organized by the City's Diversity Committee and is focused on teaching children about the work of Dr. King. It will feature the artwork of local students who have been selected as finalists in the City's MLK Art Contest. Local singer Marjorie Reid will perform an original song about civil rights entitled "You Will Rise."

### **City Offices Closed Monday for Martin Luther King Holiday**

City offices, the Kenhill Center, and the Senior Center are closed on Monday, January 15 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. There will be no trash or recycling collection on the holiday and no makeup day. The City Gymnasium and the Ice Arena will be open their regular Monday schedule.

### **Council to Vote on Melford Apartments Project Vote at City Council Meeting – at Tuesday, January 16 Meeting**

Due to the Monday holiday, the City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 16. At this meeting, there will be a public hearing and vote on The Aspen Apartments at Melford Village. The proposal calls for a multi-family apartment building containing 389 dwelling units and a parking garage with 587 spaces on the west side of Curie Drive in Melford. For more information, please contact the Planning Department at 301-809-3047.

### **Special Election Date Set for District 2 Vacancy**

The City of Bowie will hold a Special Election on Monday, March 12, 2018 to fill a vacancy in the District 2 Councilmember seat. The vacancy was created when a majority of District 2 voters supported the recall of Councilmember Diane Polangin in December.

The Special Recall Election took place on December 19, 2017. In that election, 70% of the voters voted "yes" on the question of recalling incumbent Councilmember, Diane Polangin. According to provisions in the City Charter, following a successful recall initiative, the City must hold another Special Election to fill the vacancy within 60-90 days.

Only voters of District 2 will be eligible to vote in this election. Residents who are interested in filing to run should contact City Clerk Awilda Hernandez at 301-809-3029 or [ahernandez@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ahernandez@cityofbowie.org). Candidate information can be found at [www.cityofbowie.org/election](http://www.cityofbowie.org/election). A candidate for the seat must live in District 2, be a registered voter, and have lived in the City for at least one year. The filing deadline is February 9, 2018.

### **Public Hearing on Five Year Consolidated Plan**

The public is invited to participate in a hearing about the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan. It takes place at the South Bowie Library on January 22 at 12:45 p.m. For more information, please contact the City's Grant Office at 301-809-3009 or [cholland@cityofbowie.org](mailto:cholland@cityofbowie.org).

### **Bowie Police Host Town Hall Meeting on January 24 at the Kenhill Center**

The Bowie Police Department will host a series of Town Hall meetings in the next few months to gain community input on the future of the Department. The first one is Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Kenhill Center. The Department is looking for input as it creates a new strategic plan that will help to shape and guide the Bowie Police Department for the next three years.

### **Public Works Reminders**

- ***Christmas Tree Recycling*** –  
Trees will be picked up with yard waste on Wednesdays through January 24. Please have them at the curb by 7 a.m. and make sure all lights and decorations are removed.
- ***No Special Pickup or Yard Waste Collection on January 31***  
Yard waste and special metal and tire collection will not take place on Wednesday, January 31 so that Public Works employees may participate in a training event. Household recycling collection will take place that day as regularly scheduled.

### **Jobs**

The City is currently seeking applicants for the following positions:

- Solid Waste Drive/Collector – Public Works Department (closes 1/19/2018)
- Equipment Operator – Public Works Department (closes 1/26/2018)
- Police Officers (open)
- Family Counselor – Youth Services (closes 1/19/2018)

For more information, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/jobs](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobs).

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