

# Bowie News Flash

**November 2015**

## **News**

### **Halloween Trick or Treat - Saturday, October 31**

Halloween is Saturday, October 31st. Suggested hours for trick or treating are 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The Bowie Police Department reminds trick or treaters and their parents to watch out for cars, carry a flashlight, and check all treats carefully. If you are on the roads on Halloween, drive carefully and watch out for ghosts and goblins and other costumed creatures.

### **City Election – Tuesday, November 3, 2015**

The next City Election takes place on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. For a sample ballot, polling place locations, and absentee ballot information, please visit [www.cityofbowie.org/election](http://www.cityofbowie.org/election) or contact City Clerk Awilda Hernandez at 301-809-3029 or email [ahernandez@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ahernandez@cityofbowie.org).

### **Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery This Weekend**

Eastern Standard Time goes into effect on Sunday, November 1st at 2 a.m. when we “fall back” an hour. When you are changing your clocks, why not take the opportunity to replace the batteries in all of the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home; it can save your lives. You can use the hour you gain to:

- Test all the smoke alarms in your home by pushing the test button.
- Replace any batteries that have expired.
- Plan two escape routes from your home and practice them with your family.
- Replace any smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old. Did you know that you can purchase a ten-year smoke alarm that only needs a battery change every ten years?

Having working smoke alarms in your home is a simple and effective way to protect your family and reduce your risk of death or serious injury if you have a fire in your home.

### **Curbside Leaf Collection Begins November 2**

The City's curbside leaf collection service begins November 2. Each residential neighborhood will have two collection dates. Residents should rake leaves into piles at the edge of their grass for pickup by the City crews. Collection will take place from approximately 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. according to the Leaf Collection Schedule. Crews will work rain or shine. However, in the event of snow or ice storms, leaf collection will be

temporarily suspended, as the trucks and crews will be redeployed to salt or plow City streets. Some sections of the City are listed on two consecutive days. Due to expected volume, these sections may take more than one day to complete. Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/leafsched](http://www.cityofbowie.org/leafsched) for the complete schedule.

### **New Telephone Numbers for Bowie Police Department and Other City Lines**

All City telephone numbers that begin with 301-575-xxxx have changed to 240-544-xxxx. This change affects all of the Police Department numbers and some numbers in every other City department. Most City telephone lines begin with 301-809 and then are followed by a four digit extension. They are not affected by this change. Only numbers that begin with 301-575 have changed.

During the transition period between October 21 and December 9, callers will be able to use either the old or new numbers to reach City staff, but we hope you'll make a note of the new numbers and start using them now. After December 9th, only the new numbers will work. The only exception to the transition period will be the main number for the administrative offices of the Bowie Police Department (301-575-2480). Both the old and new numbers will work for approximately six months to give residents more time to begin using the **new number (240-544-5700) to reach the administrative offices of the Police Department.**

### **New Speed Camera Goes Live on Peach Walker Drive on November 2nd**

A new speed monitoring camera has been installed on Peach Walker Drive in the vicinity of C. Elizabeth Rieg Regional School and will become active on 11/2/2015. During the first two weeks of operation, warnings will be issued to violators exceeding the speed limit by 12 miles per hour or more. After 11/16/2015, violators will be issued a citation for the violation.

### **Is There a Need for a Community Garden?**

Bowie residents are invited to offer their thoughts on the need for a community garden by completing an online survey on the City website. The survey, which will be open from November 2 to December 7, 2015, is being conducted to determine the desire of City of Bowie residents to develop garden plots on public land in the City. Any resident interested in having their voice heard on this topic is encouraged to complete the survey, which can be found at [www.cityofbowie.org/communitygardensurvey](http://www.cityofbowie.org/communitygardensurvey).

The deadline for providing input is Monday, December 7, 2015. Questions can be directed to Sally Cannon Hein, Assistant Director of Community Services at [shein@cityofbowie.org](mailto:shein@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3014.

### **Funds Still Available for Community Outreach Grants**

The grant application deadline for the 2015 - 2016 grant year has been extended. Funds of up to \$4,000 are available to fund additional Community Outreach Committee grant proposals. The grant application includes an explanation of the procedures and focus of the grants. Deadline for submission is December 1, 2015. For details, please visit [www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms](http://www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms).

### **New Exhibit at City Hall**

The Arts Committee announces a new gallery opening this month, entitled *Seasons*. The exhibit includes photographs and paintings that reflect all four seasons and what people do during those seasons. The exhibit may be viewed at City Hall during open hours. It runs from November 16 through February 13, 2016 and is free and open to the public. For information, contact Annette Esterheld at 301-575-5601 or [aesterheld@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityofbowie.org).

### **Senior “Green” Housing Rehabilitation Program**

The Bowie Senior Citizen “Green” Housing Rehabilitation Program is now accepting applications. This is a grant program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. Applications will be accepted until November 16, 2015. There are a limited number of grants available and the maximum grant amount is \$10,000. Eligible improvements include roofing, siding, insulation, windows/doors, HVAC systems, Energy Star appliances, mobility installations, electrical upgrades and plumbing repairs. For more information, visit the City’s Office of Grant Development & Administration at City Hall or contact Grants Manager George Jones at 301-809-3051 or email [bowiehsg@cityofbowie.org](mailto:bowiehsg@cityofbowie.org). You can also visit [www.cityofbowie.org/seniorgreengrants](http://www.cityofbowie.org/seniorgreengrants) for more information.

### **A New Look for Allen Pond**

The City is about to embark on designing several significant improvements at Allen Pond Park. The first phase will include the replacement of the existing restroom building and the stage, an increase in paved parking spaces, and the redesign of the amphitheater lawn area. If you have suggestions to share with the consulting team or have seen a similar park used for concerts and special events in a location you have visited, please share the information with us. We want this park to reflect your wishes and serve your needs. Comments can be forwarded to Matt Reno, Project Manager at [mreno@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mreno@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3076 or Bowie City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716. The deadline for submitting suggestions is November 16, 2015. The Allen Pond Master Plan can be viewed at [www.cityofbowie.org/apmasterplan](http://www.cityofbowie.org/apmasterplan).

### **Veterans Day Holiday– November 11**

Wednesday, November 11 is a City holiday. City offices are closed. There is no refuse or recycling collection this day. Collection will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.

### **Thanksgiving Holiday – November 26 and 27**

Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27 are City holidays. City offices are closed. There is no refuse or recycling collection these days. Collection will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.

### **It Pays to Be Green in Bowie**

Save money with a no-cost home energy audit. Plant a tree and get up to \$100 back. Start composting with a \$20 discounted bin. Details about these programs can be found at [www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie](http://www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie). Questions? Contact Kristin Larson at [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044.

### **Drivers, Watch Out for Deer**

The danger of colliding with deer is greatest during the early morning or evening hours, and especially on those streets with wooded areas of limited visibility. At these times and places, drivers should be most attentive to their surroundings. Slow down, drive with your headlights on and be prepared to stop at a moment's notice. Remember, if you see one deer, another usually follows. It is recommended that drivers consider purchasing a deer whistle for each vehicle owned. These small devices are inexpensive, very easy to install, and are proven to greatly reduce the number of deer collisions. For more information, contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002 or [slopez@cityofbowie.org](mailto:slopez@cityofbowie.org).

### **Snow Removal**

Do you have a limitation that may prevent you from removing ice and snow from the public sidewalk or driveway? The City provides additional time for people affected by factors such as age, physical handicap or disability but you must submit a waiver application and be approved. The application is located at [www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms](http://www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms). For more information, please contact the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 or [dmichelle@cityofbowie.org](mailto:dmichelle@cityofbowie.org). Have a great winter!

### **Teen Job Bank**

Teens are needed for snow shoveling this winter. If you know a teen interested in signing up for occasional work, including snow shoveling, housework, babysitting, leaf raking, and yard work, please call for an application at 301-809-3033. It's a great way for a teen to earn a few extra dollars. Bowie residents who want to hire a teen should call 301-809-3033 for more information.

### **Become a Teen Mentor**

A mentor is an adult volunteer who spends time with a teen in a supportive and friendly environment. If you are at least 21 years of age and reside in the greater Bowie area, you have the power to change your life and the life of a teen. When you volunteer to mentor a Bowie High School student, you will spend one hour a week building a positive relationship with that student. We welcome you as a mentor if you are willing to make a commitment to a teen for the academic year; meet once a week for lunch; participate in mentor training; and, agree to security screening and fingerprinting. To apply, contact Bowie Youth & Family Services at 301-809-3033 or Volunteer Coordinator Rhonda Simon at [mentor@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mentor@cityofbowie.org) or go to [www.cityofbowie.org/byfs](http://www.cityofbowie.org/byfs).

## Events

**10/31 – Halloween On Ice Party** 1 - 3 p.m. at the Ice Arena. Wear a costume or bring a canned good for free admission. Music, games, skating, costume contest and treat bags for all in costume 13 years of age and under. For more information, please contact the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090.

**10/31 – Halloween Trick or Treating** Suggested hours in Bowie are 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**Thru 11/14 – “The Music Man” at Bowie Playhouse** Presented by 2<sup>nd</sup> Star Productions. For more information, visit [www.2ndstarproductions.com](http://www.2ndstarproductions.com), or contact 2<sup>nd</sup> Star Productions at 301-832-4819, or [2ndStarBowie@gmail.com](mailto:2ndStarBowie@gmail.com). Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Sundays.

**11/1-20 – Thanksgiving Food Drive** At the Bowie City Gym to collect items for the Bowie Food Pantry. For more information, please contact the City Gymnasium at 301-809-2388.

**11/2 – Sleep Tight, Don’t Let the Bedbugs Bite: The Bed!** 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Annual History Lecture. Historic beds, bedroom accessories and more. Four speakers, lunch and fun. \$75 (FOBE \$70). For more information, please call 301-809-3089 or email [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**11/5 – Honoring Our Veterans at the Senior Center** 12:30 p.m. at Bowie Senior Center. All veterans and members of the community are invited to join in on a special celebration program to honor those who served. For more information, please contact the Center at 301-809-2300.

**11/8 – Weed Warrior Work Day** 2 - 5 p.m. at Whitmarsh Park. Bowie’s Green Team is in need of volunteers to help remove invasive English ivy from trees at Whitmarsh Park. To participate, please register by contacting Kristin Larson at [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044. This is a great Student Service Learning opportunity.

**11/10 – Senior Center Fireside Chat - Medicare 2016** 11 - 11:30 a.m. at the Bowie Senior Center. What should you choose? Information on benefits, eligibility, and how it works best for you will be provided by Ms. gLou Coleman-Stevens, certified registered representative for Medicare benefits.

**11/10 – Artist Reception at the Senior Center** 12:30 p.m. at Bowie Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Center at 301-809-2300.

**11/10 – Second Tuesday Lecture at Belair Mansion: "The Vietnam Memorial"** 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Join Alan McCabe for a look at the history and meaning of the Vietnam Memorial - one of our country's most revered and treasured memorials.

**11/11 – Dedication of the Veterans Memorial Monument** 11 a.m. at Veteran Memorial Park in Old Town Bowie. The City’s newest piece of public art will be dedicated during the Veterans Day ceremony at the park. This six foot bronze memorial pays tribute to all men and women who have served, are serving, and will serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.

**11/11 – Veterans Day Holiday** City offices are closed. No refuse or recycling collection.

**11/12 – Preventing and Treating Heart Disease: Love Your Heart** 10:30 a.m. at Bowie Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Center at 301-809-2300.

**11/12 – “Tapped” Movie Screening: The Environmental Impacts of the Bottled Water Industry** 7 p.m. at Bowie City Hall. Join the Bowie Green Team and the Prince George's Sierra Club for a green movie night in the Council Chambers.

**11/14 – Cordially Yours** 2 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Get ready for the holidays! Discover the “arts and mysteries” of making cordials. Create two different cordials to take home, along with recipes for your own use. \$20 (FOBE \$15). Reservations required. For reservations and more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**11/16 – Swearing-In Ceremony for Incoming City Council Elected Officials** 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. All are welcome to attend.

**11/16 – Deadline for Senior Green Grants** The Bowie Senior "Green" Housing Rehabilitation Program is accepting applications through Monday, November 16th. This is a grant program funded by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development (MD DHCD) for seniors to make improvements to their homes. Details at [www.cityofbowie.org/seniorgreengrants](http://www.cityofbowie.org/seniorgreengrants).

**11/18 – Recipe Exchange** 10 a.m. at Bowie Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Center at 301-809-2300.

**11/18 – Kids Kaboose** 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun for ages 1 - 11. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**11/18 – Education Forum** 7 p.m. at City Hall. The City’s Education Committee is hosting a forum entitled “Strategic Resource Planning.” The forum will feature a panel discussion by Verjeana Jacobs, Bowie’s representative on the Prince George’s County Board of Education, Prince George’s County Council Member Todd Turner, and City of Bowie Councilmember Diane Polangin. The discussion will center around ways the

School System can support student achievement, facility improvement, and special programs, such as art integration.

**11/23 – City Council Meeting** 8 p.m. at City Hall. All are welcome to attend.

**11/25 – Red Cross Blood Drive** 2 - 8 p.m. at the Bowie City Gym. Information: 1-800-REDCROSS or [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

**11/29 – Trainspotting Day at Bowie Railroad Museum** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. It's AMTRAK's busiest day of the year – see heavy rail traffic and unusual rail cars. Visit with Santa. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**11/30 – Managing Grief Through the Holidays** 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Bowie Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Center at 301-809-2300.

### 2015 Leaf Collection Schedule

Section	First Leaf Collection Date		Second Leaf Collection Date	
ADNELL	Mon.	11/9	Thurs.	12/10
AMBER MEADOWS	Tues.	11/24	Thurs.	12/17
ASHLEIGH	Wed.	11/18	Tues.	12/15
ASHLEIGH STATION	Wed.	11/18	Tues.	12/15
BELAIR GREENS	Wed.	11/25	Wed.	12/16
BELAIR TOWN I	Thurs.	11/19	Wed.	12/16
BELAIR TOWN II	Tues.	11/17	Tues.	12/8
BUCKINGHAM	Mon.	11/9	Tues.	12/1
CHAPEL FORGE	Tues.	11/10	Wed.	12/2
COLLINGTON MANOR	Wed.	11/18	Tues.	12/15
COLLINGTON STATION	Wed.	11/18	Tues.	12/15
COVINGTON MANOR	Mon.	11/23	Thurs.	12/17
DERBYSHIRE	Mon.	11/9	Mon.	11/30
DEVONSHIRE	Wed.	11/18	Tues.	12/15
DIXON CROSSING	Mon.	11/16	Tues.	12/15
ENFIELD (excluding townhomes)	Fri.	11/13	Fri.	12/4
FAIRVIEW	Fri.	11/13	Fri.	12/4
FOREST HILLS	Thurs.	11/5	Fri.	12/4
FOXHILL	Mon.	11/2	Thurs.	12/3
GLEN ALLEN	Mon.	11/23	Thurs.	12/17
GRADYS WALK	Wed.	11/18	Tues.	12/15
GROVEHURST	Wed.	11/18	Tues.	12/15
HAMPTONS	Wed.	11/18	Tues.	12/15
HARVEY MANOR	Mon.	11/9	Thurs.	12/10
HEATHER HILLS	Mon.	11/9	Wed.	12/9
HIGHBRIDGE PARK	Mon.	11/16	Tues.	12/15
HUNTINGTON*	Mon.	11/9 (& 11/10)	Thurs.	12/10
HUNTINGTON CREST	Mon.	11/9	Thurs.	12/10
IDLEWILD*	Tues.	11/3 (& 11/4)	Mon.	11/30
KENILWORTH*	Wed.	11/4 (& 11/5)	Mon.	11/30
LONGLEAF	Wed.	11/25	Thurs.	12/17
LONG RIDGE*	Mon.	11/2	Tues.	11/24 (& 11/25)
MEADOWBROOK	Thurs.	11/19	Wed.	12/16
MITCHELLVILLE EAST	Mon.	11/23	Thurs.	12/17
NORTHRIDGE	Fri.	11/13	Thurs.	12/10
NORTHVIEW	Mon.	11/23	Mon.	12/14
OAKTREE	Tues.	11/24	Tues.	12/15
OLD CHAPEL	Thurs.	11/19	Wed.	12/16
OLD CHAPEL ESTATES	Thurs.	11/19	Wed.	12/16
OLD STAGE	Mon.	11/16	Tues.	12/8
OVERBROOK	Tues.	11/3	Tues.	12/1
PATUXENT OVERLOOK	Wed.	11/25	Thurs.	12/17
PEACH PRESERVE	Mon.	11/23	Thurs.	12/17
POINTER RIDGE	Thurs.	11/12	Mon.	12/7
ROCKLEDGE	Tues.	11/17	Mon.	12/14
ROLLING HILLS*	Mon.	11/16 (& 11/17)	Thurs.	12/10
SADDLEBROOK	Tues.	11/17	Mon.	12/14
SADDLEBROOK WEST	Tues.	11/17	Mon.	12/14
SOMERSET*	Mon.	11/2 (& 11/3)	Wed.	11/25
SPRING MEADOWS	Wed.	11/18	Tues.	12/15
STEWART'S LANDING	Mon.	11/16	Tues.	12/15
TALL OAKS	Thurs.	11/5	Wed.	12/2
TERNBERRY	Wed.	11/18	Tues.	12/15
TULIP GROVE*	Tues.	11/3	Thurs.	12/3
VICTORIA HEIGHTS	Mon.	11/9	Tues.	12/1
WESTVIEW	Wed.	11/18	Tues.	12/15
WHITEHALL	Tues.	11/10	Wed.	12/9
WOODMORE ESTATES	Wed.	11/18	Tues.	12/15
WOODMORE HIGHLANDS	Wed.	11/18	Tues.	12/15
YORKTOWN*	Tues.	11/17	Tues.	12/8

\*Leaves must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on the first scheduled date. The second date is only for those areas not visited on the first date.