

Bowie News Flash

December 2015

News

Shop with a Cop

The Bowie Police Department is going to help make the holidays special for some local children in need. On **Sunday, December 13, 2015** officers will escort children on a shopping trip for their loved ones, courtesy of local merchants and donations from the public. It's not too late to make a donation to help a family this holiday season. For more information, please contact the Bowie Police Community Service Unit at 240-544-5700 or cops@cityofbowie.org.

Donate to Toys for Tots

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 and Senior Center, as well as Melvin Motors and the Huntington Community Center. Please donate toys **by December 16, 2015**. For more information, please contact the Bowie Police Community Service Unit at 240-544-5700 or cops@cityofbowie.org.

Holiday House Decorating Contest Deadline is December 7, 2015

Homes must be located within the Bowie municipal limits. Entry forms, contest rules and information are available on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org; search Holiday House Decorating Contest. Entry forms and information may also be obtained by contacting Special Events Coordinator Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org. Entry forms must be returned to City Hall by **Monday, December 7, 2015 at 5 p.m.**

Christmas Holiday–Friday, December 25

Friday, December 25 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.

New Year's Holiday–Friday, January 1

Friday, January 1 is a City holiday. City offices are closed. There is no refuse collection this day. Refuse collection will resume on the next regularly scheduled day. **Recycling collection will be provided January 1** for those residents scheduled for this day.

A Community Garden for Bowie?

A Community Garden is a location where residents without adequate space or sunlight in their own yards can plant fruit, vegetables and flowers in a communal area. Water,

fencing and garden materials are usually available on site. Fees and participant volunteer hours are usually required.

We'd like to see if there is interest among City residents in the development of a Community Garden. If you are interested, please complete the survey on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org/communitygardensurvey, by Monday, **December 7, 2015**. Be sure to provide your name and contact information. For more information, please contact Sally Cannon Hein, Assistant Director of Community Services at shein@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3014.

Teen Job Bank

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

Christmas Tree Pickup

It may seem a little early for this announcement, but by the end of December, after all of the festivities of the season, you may be wondering how to dispose of your Christmas tree. The Public Works Department will pick up Christmas trees every Wednesday in January with yard waste. Please make sure all lights and decorations are removed from the tree. Place your tree at the curb by 7 a.m. Do **not** place tree in a plastic bag.

Events

12/4 – Holiday Craft Fair – Senior Center 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. This event is open to the public and a welcome part of the holiday season. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

12/4-12/20 – “Christmas Belles” at Bowie Playhouse For ticket information: 301-805-0219 or www.bctheatre.com.

12/6 – Belair by Candlelight and Holiday Tree Lighting at Belair Mansion

12 – 8 p.m. Traditional decorations and flickering candles will offer a glimpse of holidays past. New this year will be an 1830's Quilting Bee. The music of “Bedlam” will fill the air at **2 p.m.** and the candles will be lit at **3 p.m.** Then, bundle up for an outdoor “carol sing-along” with the City Council, tree lighting, and the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus atop the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department's ladder truck at **7 p.m.** Admission is free but donations to the Bowie Food Pantry are requested. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

12/9 – Holiday Toddler Time Travelers at Belair Mansion 10 - 11 a.m. Small holiday revelers, ages 2-5, are invited to discover decorations, read a story, play a game, enjoy colonial refreshments. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

12/12 – KinderKristmas at Belair Mansion 12 - 4 p.m. Young holiday revelers are invited to visit the Mansion for a special tour, games, stories, a craft to take home. Free, but donations to the Bowie Food Pantry are welcome. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

12/13 – Holidays Past – Brown Bag Lunch Lecture at Belair Mansion 12 p.m. Join Museums Manager Pam Williams for a look at celebrations over the years. Bring your lunch; coffee, tea and holiday dessert provided! For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

12/17 – Holiday Party – Senior Center 11:30 a.m. Join us for the Center’s annual holiday party! Lunch and DJ music. Register by December 10 at the Center. \$10 residents/\$12 nonresidents. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

12/18 – Bowie Senior Chorale Holiday Concert – Bowie Center for the Performing Arts 7:30 p.m. Tickets are required and cost \$6. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

12/19 – Saturday Fun with Santa 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Bowie Gym. The program includes games, moon bounce, face painting, music, giveaways and more. The cost is \$3 per child or a donation of an unwrapped gift for Toys for Tots. For more information, please contact the Gymnasium at 301-809-2388.

12/20 – Stocking Stuffer Sale at Belair Mansion Shop 12 - 4 p.m. All visitors enjoy a 20% off EVERYTHING discount in the shop...all kinds of cool gifts! For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

12/21 – Holiday Variety Show – Senior Center 10:30 a.m. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

12/24 – American Red Cross Blood Drive 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Bowie Gym. Give the “Gift of Life” this Christmas Eve. To register, go to www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RedCross. For more information, please contact the Gymnasium at 301-809-2388.

12/25 – Christmas Holiday No refuse or recycling collection. All City facilities closed.

12/31 – “Noon Year” Party - Bowie Senior Center 12:30 p.m. \$5 residents/\$6 nonresidents. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

1/1 – New Year’s Day City offices closed. No refuse collection. Recycling collection will be provided.