

Bowie News Flash

January 2016

News

New Year's Day – Friday, January 1

City offices are closed on this day. There will be no refuse collection. Refuse collection resumes on your next regularly scheduled day.

Recycling Collection on New Year's Day

Friday, January 1, 2016, New Year's Day, is a City holiday and City offices are closed and most services are suspended. However, recycling collection will be provided for those residents regularly scheduled for this day. So, if Friday is your regularly scheduled recycling collection day, please place your recycling curbside by 7 a.m. on January 1, 2016 and it will be collected. Thank you for your efforts to recycle and help the environment. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.

Christmas Tree Pickup

Trees will be picked up every Wednesday in January with yard waste. Please make sure all lights and decorations are removed from the tree. Do **not** place tree in a plastic bag. Place your tree at the curb by 7 a.m.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Contest

The City is hosting its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. art contest to promote understanding about the lasting legacy of Dr. King. The contest theme is "Dreams of Growth, Unity and Progress." Students in kindergarten through the second grade are eligible to participate in a coloring contest. Students in grades three through five can submit entries for the poster contest and sixth through twelfth graders are encouraged to create a short video that reflects the contest theme. Students who live within the municipal limits of Bowie (including homeschooled students) or students who attend an eligible school in Bowie can participate in the contest. The complete list of eligible schools is located at www.cityofbowie.org/MLK. Entries must be submitted by **January 12, 2016 at 5 p.m. at Bowie City Hall**, located at 15901 Excalibur Road. For more information, please contact Denise Mahoney at 301-809-3031 or dmahoney@cityofbowie.org.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, January 18

City offices are closed on this day. There will be no refuse or recycling collection. Collection resumes on your next regularly scheduled day.

‘Tis the Season for Giving!

Give us your feedback by taking a quick survey that will help find ways to make our community even better. The City and M-NCPPC need your input about existing community resources and the things you value most about our City in order to help us plan for its future. Go to www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie to fill out the survey online or contact Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 for a paper copy of the survey.

Accepting Nominations for City’s Hall of Honor

In 1991, the Hall of Honor was developed to recognize those citizens of Bowie who have made “major and lasting contributions” to the City. The first inductees were honored in 1994. A nominee to the Hall of Honor must: be deceased for at least one year as of the nomination deadline; have made both a major and lasting contribution to the City of Bowie; have been a resident of the City of Bowie either during the time of their contribution or at the time of their death. The deadline to submit nominations for the 2015 Hall of Honor is Monday, **March 7, 2016 at 5 p.m.** City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716. For more information, contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org. Nomination forms are available at www.cityofbowie.org.

Snow Removal

A **Snow Emergency** is declared whenever snow reaches a depth of two inches. All vehicles must be removed from City streets. The City begins plowing when the snow depth reaches two inches. All main drives, hills and collector streets are treated and/or plowed first. In the event of a snowfall less than two inches, all main drives, hills and collector streets are treated with salt and/or sand. Streets and cul-de-sacs that are flat or have only slight inclines with limited intersections are only treated in extreme icing conditions. During a snow or ice event only, it is acceptable to park your vehicle on your grass. Each resident is responsible for removing snow and/or ice from the sidewalk in front of their home. To report hazardous conditions within the City, call 301-809-2344. More information about the City’s snow removal program can be found on the City’s website - www.cityofbowie.org.

Help Available to Residents at Teen Job Bank

Bowie Youth & Family Services sponsors a Teen Job Bank, where residents can find hard-working and eager Bowie youth who are looking for opportunities to make extra money, either on an occasional or a regular basis. Residents may use this service to find teens that can help with tasks such as snow shoveling, yard work, babysitting, tutoring, shopping or other chores. The particulars of the job and the fees per hour are determined by you and the teen. You may access the program by completing the Job Bank resident application on the City’s website at www.cityofbowie.org or by calling us at 301-809-3033.

Events

1/2 – Red Cross Blood Drive – 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. For an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

1/4 – Regular City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall.

1/6 – Stitches for Time – 12 – 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Take part in the Quilt Project and make history. Ages 10 and over. Quilting related fun for kids under 10. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

1/8-1/23 – “Vanya and Sonya and Masha and Spike” at Bowie Playhouse Produced by Prince George’s Little Theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays. For tickets, visit www.pglt.org or call 301-937-7458.

1/12 – 18th Century Ladies’ Stays – Second Tuesday Lecture – 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

1/16 – Games People Played – 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Fun games from the past. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

1/16 – Program Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – 10 a.m. at City Hall. The program will feature the artwork of local students who have been selected as finalists in the City's Martin Luther King Art Contest.

1/19 – Kids Kaboose - 10:30 a.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad stories and fun for ages 1-10. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

1/19 – Regular City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall.

1/20 – Sudoku Workshop 10 a.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

1/28 – Diabetes and You 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

1/30 – At the Sign of the Horse and Saddle – 7 - 9 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Tavern night. Music from Bedlam and light refreshments. \$30 per person. Reservations required. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.