

# Bowie News Flash

**November 2016**

## News

### **Presidential Election Early Voting and Election Day**

Early voting takes place at the City Gymnasium (4100 Northview Drive) and eight other sites in the County from October 27 to November 3, 2016, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. Polls are open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Details about voter registration, polling locations on Election Day, and voting by absentee ballot were included in the sample ballot booklet that was mailed to registered voters. You can also contact the Prince George's County Board of Elections for information at 301-341-7300 or visit the Maryland Voter Information website at [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov).



### **Free Rides for Election Day and Early Voting**

Free transportation to the polls will be provided to seniors (age 55+) and those with disabilities who live in the City of Bowie. Rides are provided for Early Voting at the Bowie City Gym (10/27 - 11/3) and for Election Day (November 8) and. Call 301-809-2324 now to schedule your appointment. The deadline for Election Day rides is 11/4.

### **Curbside Leaf Collection Begins October 31**

The City's curbside leaf collection service begins October 31. 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 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 the leaf collection schedule at [www.cityofbowie.org/leafsched](http://www.cityofbowie.org/leafsched).

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

Halloween is Monday, 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 pedestrians.

### **Ride the Wave: Literacy Integrated with Technology**

The Bowie Education Committee is sponsoring a fall forum on November 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at City Hall. The presentations include: technology use for students in Prince George's County; coding for students in primary and intermediate grades; higher level opportunities for secondary students; specialty programs; and community-based technology programs in the area. Parents and especially board members of local school parent organizations should plan on attending this informative forum. For more information, contact Annette Esterheld at [aesterheld@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@cityofbowie.org) or 240-544-5601.

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

Friday, 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. There are no makeup days for missed pickups.

### **100 Games for Going Green – November 12**

Recycling can be fun! Come to the 100 Games for Going Green Centennial Event on November 12 from 1 – 5 p.m. at the Bowie Gym. Youth will use recyclable materials and turn them into different kinds of game balls. The balls then will be used to play 100 games during the day. There will be 80 individual challenge games and 20 group games. Games are designed for ages 3 to 10. Material offerings of yarn, 5-inch square fabric remnants, 5-inch lengths of narrow fabric (1 to 2 inches wide), stuffing to make sock balls, plastic grocery bags, and newspapers are much appreciated. To sign up or to donate materials, contact John Dutrow at 301-325-9166 or [John.Dutrow@verizon.net](mailto:John.Dutrow@verizon.net). This event is hosted by the Community Recreation, Green Team, and Environmental Advisory Committees. For more information, contact Kristin Larson at [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044.

### **Public Hearing – Residential Housing at Bowie Marketplace – November 15**

On November 15, 2016 at 7 p.m. at City Hall there will be a hearing before the Bowie Advisory Planning Board on the apartments proposed to be built at the rear of Bowie Marketplace. For more information, contact the City's Planning Department at 301-809-3047 or visit the City's website at [www.cityofbowie.org/marketplace](http://www.cityofbowie.org/marketplace).

### **Thanksgiving Holiday – November 24 and 25**

Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25 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.

### **Scam Alert**

The Bowie Police report that at least a few residents have received fraudulent calls from someone claiming to be from Belair Engineering. The caller attempted to make a fake service appointment for reasons unknown. While nothing happened in the reported cases, it is a good reminder to residents that if a business contacts you by phone and you did not initiate the contact, proceed with caution. Be very careful about disclosing any information or conducting business over the phone. If you receive a call from an alleged

business that just doesn't seem right, trust your instincts. A legitimate business will never mind if you hang up immediately and call the business directly. Remember – look up the number on your own. Do not call back a number a suspicious caller provides.

### **Non-Emergency Call Center Expands Service**

In March 2016, the Bowie Police Department welcomed ten Call Takers to the Department. In April 2016, the Call Center began staffing the Center on a 24-hour basis enabling the Police Department to expand service by providing public access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Call Takers also function as the primary point of contact for residents in need of emergency City services after-hours. Examples of after-hour emergencies include trees down, power outages, water main breaks, etc. The Call Center began handling non-emergency Police calls for service in October 2016. The contact number for the Police Department is 240-544-5700 for non-emergencies, as well as administrative services. For emergencies, residents should call 911.

### **Bowie is Maryland's 2016 Sustainability Champion!**

The City of Bowie was one of 14 Maryland municipalities honored for sustainability efforts at the Maryland Municipal League Fall Conference on October 14th. The Sustainable Maryland Certified Awards were presented by the Environmental Finance Center based at the University of Maryland. They announced that Bowie is this year's Sustainable Maryland "Sustainability Champion", amassing an impressive 560 points in the Sustainable Maryland Certified program, more than any other Maryland community in 2016.

### **Compost Bins Available**

\$20 compost bins are available for purchase at City Hall. City residents may purchase up to two bins per household. Payment is by cash or check at the Finance window during the City's business hours (Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.) and by check only at the reception desk during City Hall's night and Saturday hours (Monday - Thursday until 10 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.). Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/compost](http://www.cityofbowie.org/compost) or contact Kristin Larson at [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044 for more information.

### **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).

### **Bowie Dog Park**

Dog owners are largely responsible for their dog's behavior while in the Bowie Dog Park. Owners are reminded to never leave their dog(s) unattended and they must remove

any dog showing aggressive behavior towards people or other dogs. Contact Bowie Animal Control with any questions or concerns at 301-809-3002.

### **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 with factors such as age, physical handicap or disability but you must submit a waiver application and be approved. The application can be found 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 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.

### **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 Community Coordinator Rhonda Simon at [mentor@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mentor@cityofbowie.org) or visit [www.cityofbowie.org/byfs](http://www.cityofbowie.org/byfs).

### **Remembering Those Less Fortunate at the Holidays**

It's not too early to start thinking about the holidays and how you can help those in our community who may need some extra support. You can do it in a number of ways, including donating food to the Bowie Pantry, purchasing a toy for the Police Department's Toys for Tots Drive, or making a monetary donation to the Department's Shop with a Cop event which takes place in December. In addition, the Senior Center is partnering with the local VFW Post to sponsor children of troops from the Maryland Army National Guard 110<sup>th</sup>. Details about each of these programs can be found at [www.cityofbowie.org/giving](http://www.cityofbowie.org/giving).

**Plant a tree! Provide beauty, shade, and privacy.** Fall is a great time to plant, and there are still plenty of \$50 and \$100 Tree Rebates. City residents can receive rebates when purchasing up to two trees to plant on their property. Trees can be purchased at any Maryland nursery or store this year, and there are 11 species of trees eligible for rebates. Applications/program details can be found at [www.cityofbowie.org/treerebate](http://www.cityofbowie.org/treerebate). Call 301-809-3044 or email Kristin Larson at [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org) for additional information.

### Centennial Gifts

The Belair Mansion has several items to help you commemorate Bowie's Centennial Celebration. There's a Centennial mug (\$6), a beautiful ornament (\$6), and a Centennial tote bag (\$4) that you can purchase for yourself or to give as gifts. Also in a few weeks the Bowie Centennial Cookbook (\$5) will also be available at the Gift Shop. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. or email [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org) to place your order. Or mark your calendars for "Black Friday on Saturday" on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, when all gift shop items will be discounted 20%.



### Senior Chorale Concert Tickets

Tickets go on sale November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center for the Bowie Senior Chorale's December concerts. "Simple Gifts—Giving Our Hearts Through Song" is the theme of this year's show. Under the creative direction of Craig Sparks and accompanist Paula Sparks, the 110-member group will perform songs that represent the gifts they treasure—love, friendship, home, peace and freedom, and music, as well as holiday favorites. Concerts at the Senior Center are \$2 and are on Wednesday, December 7 at 4 p.m. and Thursday, December 8 at 1 p.m. The concert at the Bowie Center for Performing Arts is on Friday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. and tickets for that concert are \$8. All tickets must be purchased in advance at the Senior Center. Call 301-809-2300 for more information.

### Events

**10/27 - 11/3 – Early Voting at the City Gym.** Cast your vote in the Presidential Election at the Gym and 8 other voting places in the County from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. The Gym reopens for sports activities on November 4.

**Now thru 11/19 – "H.M.S. Pinafore" at Bowie Playhouse** For tickets, please contact 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.

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

**10/31 – Leaf Collection Begins.** Leaves should be raked to the curb by 7 a.m. on your scheduled pickup dates. See schedule (attached) or at [www.cityofbowie.org/leafsched](http://www.cityofbowie.org/leafsched). For more information, call 301-809-2344.

**11/2 – Texas Roadhouse Meat Cutting Competition** 12 - 1 p.m. at Bowie Ice Arena. Stop by the Ice Arena to enjoy a grilled steak lunch to benefit charity for only \$10. For more information, please contact the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090.

**11/7 – “Of Interest to the Ladies”** 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Annual History Lecture. Speaker, lunch and fun. \$65. For more information, please call 301-809-3089 or email [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**11/7 – City Council Meeting** 8 p.m. at City Hall.

**11/8 – Band of Sisters: America’s Women Warriors** 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Second Tuesday Lecture. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**11/10 – Honoring Our Veterans at the Senior Center** 1 p.m. at Bowie Senior Center. We invite all veterans and members of the community to join us for a special celebration program. For more information, please contact the Center at 301-809-2300.

**11/11 – Veterans Day Holiday.** City offices are closed in observance of Veterans Day. There is no refuse or recycling collection on this day. There is no makeup day. Your next pickup will be on the next regularly scheduled collection date.

**11/12 – Red Cross Blood Drive** 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Bowie Senior Center. Information: 1-800-REDCROSS or [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

**11/12 – Meet America’s First Veterans** 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Enjoy reenactors from the Revolutionary War. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**11/12 – 100 Games for Going Green** 1 - 5 p.m. at the City Gym. In honor of Bowie’s Centennial, youth ages 3 to 10 are invited to participate in an afternoon of games made with recyclable materials. There will be 80 individual challenge games and 20 group games. For more information, contact Kristin Larson at [klarson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:klarson@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044.

**11/14 – “From Railroads to Race Tracks – Bowie’s Museums”** 7 p.m. at the Bowie Branch Library. Historic Properties Manager, Pamela Williams will speak about what you can see and learn about at the various City of Bowie Museums.

**11/15 – Kids Kaboose** 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun for ages 1 - 10. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**11/15 – Public Hearing by the Bowie Advisory Planning Board on Residential Housing at Bowie Marketplace** 7 p.m. at City Hall. For more information, call 301-809-3047.

**11/17 – Ice Skating Group Lessons Registration Begins** at the Bowie Ice Arena. Classes start 12/1. Classes are offered for children 18 months of age to adults. Ask about

beginner and family discounts. For more information, please contact the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090.

**11/19 – Julia Child Visits Belair** 2 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Presentation by Mary Ann Jung. Please call 301-809-3089 or email [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org) for more information.

**11/21 – City Council Meeting** 8 p.m. at City Hall

**11/24 & 11/25 – Thanksgiving Holiday.** City offices closed. No trash or recycling pickup on either day.

**11/26 – Taste of the Past** 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Sample heritage holiday goodies. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org). It's also a great day to shop at the Mansion gift shop as all purchases will be 20% off.

**11/27 – Trainspotting Day at Bowie Railroad Museum** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. AMTRAK's busiest day of the year – 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).

**12/2 – Holiday Craft Fair at the Senior Center** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Bowie Senior Center. Open to the public. For more information, please contact the Center at 301-809-2300.

## 2016 Leaf Collection Schedule

Section	First Leaf Collection Date	Second Leaf Collection Date
Adnell	11/10	12/5
Amber Meadows	11/3	11/22
Ashleigh	11/17	12/12
Ashleigh Station	11/17	12/12
Belair Greens	11/2	12/6
Belair Town 1	11/1	11/29
Belair Town 2	10/31	11/29
Buckingham	11/14 (& 11/15 for areas not done 11/14)	12/6
Chapel Forge	11/22	12/15
Collington Station/Manor	11/17	12/12
Covington Manor	11/3	12/9
Derbyshire	11/14	12/8
Devonshire	11/17	12/12
Dixon Crossing	11/9	12/14
Enfield (Excluding Townhomes)	11/3	11/28
Fairview	11/16	12/14
Forest Hills	11/10	12/8
Foxhill	11/8	11/30
Glen Allen	11/3	12/9
Grady's Walk	11/16	12/14
Grovehurst	11/18	12/12
Hamptons	11/17	12/12
Harvey Manor	11/16	12/5
Heather Hills	11/3	11/28
Highbridge Park	11/9	12/5
Huntington	11/15 (& 11/16 for areas not done 11/15)	12/5 (& 12/6 for areas not done 11/5)
Huntington Crest	11/16	12/5
Idlewild	11/2	11/29
Kenilworth	11/7 (& 11/8 for areas not done 11/7)	12/1
Long Leaf	11/10	12/8
Long Ridge	11/7	11/30 (& 12/1 for areas not done 11/30)
Meadowbrook	11/1 (& 11/2 for areas not done 11/1)	11/29 (& 11/30 for areas not done 11/29)
Mitchellville East	11/3	12/9
Northridge	11/10	12/5
Northview	11/2	11/28
Oaktree	11/17	12/9
Old Chapel	11/14	12/6
Old Chapel Estates	11/14	12/6
Old Stage	11/18	12/12
Overbrook	11/1	11/23
Patuxent Overlook	11/10	12/8
Peach Preserve	11/3	11/22
Pointer Ridge	11/21	12/13
Rockledge	10/31	11/23
Rolling Hills	11/8	12/5
Saddlebrook	10/31	12/7
Somerset	11/9	12/7 (& 12/8 for areas not done 11/7)
Spring Meadows	11/16	12/14
Stewarts Landing	11/9	12/14
Tall Oaks	11/18	12/12
Ternberry	11/17	12/13
Tulip Grove	11/8 (& 11/9 for areas not done 11/8)	11/30
Victoria Heights	11/14	12/15
Westview	11/16	12/14
Whitehall	11/15	12/7
Woodmore Estates	11/17	12/12
Woodmore Highlands	11/18	12/14
Yorktown	10/31	11/22 (& 11/23 for areas not done 11/22)

Some sections are scheduled for more than one consecutive day. Leaves should be out by 7 a.m. on the first day listed. Schedule permitting, City crews may work ahead to collect leaves already at the side of the road in order to address poor impending weather conditions or heavy leaf volume. Whenever this occurs all streets will be re-visited on the scheduled date to collect any leaves raked out in the interim.