



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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Leaf Collection Begins October 31

The City's leaf collection service begins **October 31**. Each neighborhood will have two collection dates. Residents should rake leaves into piles at the edge of their grass for pickup. Do not rake leaves into the street. Also, please do not park cars or place trash in front of the leaves as this makes it difficult for City crews to maneuver equipment to reach the leaves. Collection will take place 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. according to a schedule found on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org. Crews will work rain or shine. 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. For information, please call 301-262-6200 and select the prompt for Leaf Collection Hotline or call Public Works at 301-809-2344.

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 citizens in need of 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, all residents should call **911**.

Green Bowie

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. to 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.). Find more information at www.cityofbowie.org/compost.

100 Games for Going Green Saturday, 11/12, 1 - 5 p.m. at the Bowie Gym. Recycling can be fun! At this centennial event, youth can bring specified recyclable materials and turn them into different kinds of game balls. The balls then will be used to play 100 games offered during the day. There will be 80 individual challenge games and 20 group games. Games are designed for ages 3 to 10 years. During the 20-minute timeout period local schools have been invited to offer entertainment with a recycling theme. One or more of the groups will perform musical entertainment with instruments that have been made from recyclable materials. To sign up, contact John Dutrow at 301-325-9166 or John.Dutrow@verizon.net. Hosted by the Community Recreation, Green Team, and Environmental Advisory Committees. For more information, contact Kristin Larson at klarson@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044.

What's Bouncing at the City Gym?

Pickleball Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Learn to play!

Recreational Volleyball Fridays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. No experience needed. Come out and make new friends, have fun and get some quality exercise.

Early Voting Gym Closure The Gymnasium will be closed for early voting October 27 - November 3, 2016. Gym reopens November 4th. For information, contact the City Gym at **301-809-2388**.

100 Games for Going Green Saturday, 11/12, 1 - 5 p.m. For ages 3 - 10. To sign up, contact John Dutrow, 301-325-9166 or John.Dutrow@verizon.net. (See details above in "Green Bowie".)

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.

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 Bowie 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. All board members of local school parent organizations should plan on attending this informative forum. For more information, contact Annette Esterheld at aesterheld@cityofbowie.org or 240-544-5601.

Need Help with Odd Jobs?

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 who can help with tasks such as 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. Access this program by completing the Teen Job Bank resident application found on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org, or call us at 301-809-3033.

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 or visit the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org (select Community Services/Youth & Family Services).

Veterans Corner

Need help with benefits - Service Officer available every Tuesday 7 - 9 p.m. at the DAV.

Need general information - American Legion (301-464-9814), 9605 Old Laurel-Bowie Road, Bowie MD 20715. Meets monthly, fourth (4th) Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

The following organizations meet at the DAV Post (8205 Laurel-Bowie Road, Bowie MD 20715):

- Marine Corps League (301-706-2491) - Meets monthly, second (2nd) Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
- VFW Post 8065 (301-464-3730) - Meets monthly, first (1st) Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
- DAV Post #7 (301-464-8899) - Meets monthly, second (2nd) Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

For information on legislation, benefits and programs, tune to the Veterans Forum on Bowie Cable TV Channel 11 (Verizon) or 77 (Comcast). Consult the guide for airing time.

H.M.S. Pinafore Thru 11/19 at the Bowie Playhouse. Tickets: 301-832-4819 or www.2ndstarproductions.com.

Earth Elements City Hall Art Gallery exhibit open until 11/11 featuring works that depict fire, water, air and earth.

Toys Through the Ages City Hall Art Gallery exhibit open 11/14 - holiday season, featuring paintings, photos and children's toys and dolls.

For information, contact Annette Esterheld at aesterheld@cityofbowie.org or 240-544-5601.

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

OF INTEREST TO THE LADIES 11/7, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Annual History Lecture \$65 Reservations required

BAND OF SISTERS: AMERICA'S WOMEN WARRIORS 11/8, 7:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Second Tuesday Lecture. Free

MEET AMERICA'S FIRST VETERANS 11/12, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Reenactors from the Revolutionary War. Free

KIDS KABOOSE 11/15, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 1-10 Free

JULIA CHILD VISITS BELAIR 11/19, 2 p.m. Belair Mansion Presentation by Mary Ann Jung. Free

TASTE OF THE PAST 11/26, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Sample heritage holiday goodies! Free

TRAINSPOTTING DAY 11/27, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Lots of different trains on AMTRAK's busiest day of the year! Santa visits too! Free

Ice Arena

3330 Northview Drive
301-809-3090

TEXAS ROADHOUSE MEAT CUTTING COMPETITION 11/2, 12 - 1 p.m. Stop by the Ice Arena to enjoy a grilled steak lunch to benefit charity. \$10

GROUP LESSONS Registration begins November 17. Classes start December 1. Classes for children 18 months of age to adults. Ask about beginner and family discounts.

ADULTS 55+

Bowie Senior Center
14900 Health Center Drive
301-809-2300

DAYS & TIMES

M/W/F 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
T/TH 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
SAT 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION TRANSPORTATION 11/8, The Center's bus service will be available for seniors age 55 and older and for disabled citizens living within the Bowie city limits.

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. shuttle services from Pin Oak, Evergreen, and Willows senior communities. Arrangements must be made for all other Bowie areas by calling the Center at 301-809-2324 by Friday, November 4.

HONORING OUR VETERANS 11/10, 1 p.m. Open to the public

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR 12/2, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Open to the public

BOWIE SENIOR CHORALE HOLIDAY CONCERTS 12/7, 4 p.m. & 12/8, 1 p.m. at the Center. 12/16, 7:30 p.m. at Bowie Center for Performing Arts. Call Senior Center for tickets.

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