



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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Season's Greetings

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we watch the calendar and the clock tick away the remains of 2016, we can be justifiably proud of our terrific community. Bowie continues to stand out as the strongest, most diverse, most family-friendly community in the region. We have built a great history over the years and that strong base gives us the courage to enthusiastically embrace a future limited only by our imagination and our willingness to work together to continue that greatness. Thank you for all you do to make Bowie the remarkable "home town" that it is for all that call Bowie home.

On behalf of the entire City Council and our City Staff I am pleased to extend best wishes to all for a joyous holiday season and a healthy and prosperous new year. As usual on these special occasions, we ask that as we celebrate the season and the coming new year that we hold in our thoughts and our prayers those special Americans serving in the military forces of the United States here and around the world. We would ask for your special thoughts for those now serving in Harm's Way; may they return home soon and safely.

Happy New Year Bowie!
G. Frederick Robinson, Mayor

Code Corner - Snowfall

When a significant snowfall is forecasted, move your vehicles off the street. Park them in your driveway. If your driveway is too crowded, park your vehicle on the grass on your property, but do not block the sidewalk. Once the snow has been cleared, immediately move your vehicle back onto the street.

Once snow and sleet have stopped falling you have a responsibility to clear the public sidewalk and driveway areas adjacent to your property within forty-eight (48) hours. Residents whose property is near a public school should quickly remove the ice or snow for the safety of the school children. If you will be out of town, make arrangements with a neighbor, contractor or relative, to clear the sidewalk. For more information contact the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008.

Leash Law

It is against the law for any owner or custodian of any animal to allow the animal to run at large within the municipal limits of the City of Bowie. Any dog or cat found at large may be impounded. A violation notice may be issued to the pet owner. Please contact Bowie Animal Control with any questions or concerns at 301-809-3002.

Bowie Hosting Another Solar Co-op

Thinking about solar? Attend an information session on **January 28, 2017** from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at City Hall (Council Chambers) to learn more about joining a MD SUN Solar Co-op in Bowie. Neighbors in Bowie and surrounding Prince George's County can join the co-op to get assistance with going solar and to save money. The co-op is based on the same principle as buying in bulk, and joining is not a commitment to install panels. Once the group is large enough, the nonprofit MD SUN will help the co-op solicit competitive bids from area solar installers. Co-op members will then select a single company to complete all of the installations, and each member will then have the option to purchase or lease panels individually based on the installer's group rate. By going solar as a group and choosing a single installer, each participant generally saves up to 20% off the cost of their system. For more information and to register for the information session, visit www.mdsun.org/bowie. Questions? Contact Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 or klarson@cityofbowie.org.

Volunteer to Mark Storm Drains

Are you part of a scout, church, parenting, homeschool or other group looking for a volunteer project? We are looking for groups to apply storm drain markers in select areas across the City. These markers are applied to storm drains along the curbs of City-owned streets to increase awareness that what goes in them enters our streams.

This can be a one-time weekend or evening project and takes anywhere from 2 - 5 hours, depending on the number of volunteers. The task involves applying a four-inch steel medallion to the top of the storm drain with an adhesive. All supplies are provided. You simply need to have a group leader and willing volunteers. Prince George's County students can earn Student Service Learning hours. If interested, contact the City's Watershed Manager, Tiffany Wright, at twright@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3043. To see a picture of a marked storm drain, please go to www.cityofbowie.org/GreenProjects. Thanks for your interest in helping us Green Bowie!

Christmas Trees

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



Accepting Nominations for the 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; and, have been a resident of the City of Bowie either during the time of their contribution or at the time of their death.

Once a nomination is received, forms and information are sent to the City's Community Outreach Committee for review. The Committee then makes recommendations to the City Council for final approval. Once an honoree is approved, a reception is held in the inductee's honor and a plaque is hung in the lobby of City Hall. For more information, contact Special Events Coordinator Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org. Nomination forms are available at www.cityofbowie.org. The deadline to submit nominations for the 2017 Hall of Honor is 5 p.m. Monday, **March 6, 2017** at City Hall.

Bowie Youth and Family Services (BYFS)

BYFS serves individuals, families and groups in the Bowie community. We offer counseling for all families in the City who have children in the home who are high school age or younger. Other services include outreach activities and a mentoring program for students at Bowie High School. We are accepting registrations for two groups this January. The first, **Calm, Confident Kids**, is designed to help school-age children develop strategies for managing worries. The second winter group, **The Active Parenting Program**, is open to parents with school-aged children or teens. In addition, our popular ADHD Group, for 7-11 year-old children with Attention-Deficit Disorder and their parents, will begin in February. Call **301-809-3033** for more information or to arrange for an appointment.

The Tin Woman 1/13 - 1/28 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: 301-937-7458 or www.pglt.com.

Toys Through the Ages City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through February 17, 2017. Reception to meet artists, 1/18/17, 7 - 8 p.m. Free and open to the public (during City Hall hours).

Arts and Education Scholarships Applications for high school seniors with Bowie addresses will be available mid-January 2017. High school seniors interested in the scholarships should contact their guidance counselors. The deadline is early Spring each year.

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

TWELFTH NIGHT BROWN BAG LUNCH LECTURE 1/6, 12 - 1 p.m. Belair Mansion Bring your lunch - learn and munch! Free

18TH CENTURY LADIES SEWING CIRCLE 1/8, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Public invited to celebrate 12th Night as the ladies sew. Free

THOMAS JEFFERSON AS A FATHER - SECOND TUESDAY LECTURE 1/10, 7:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

KIDS KABOOSE 1/17, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 1 - 10. Free

WHIL' THE COLD WINTER AWAY... 1/21, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Drop in during open hours and try your hand at early American games. Free

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL Fridays, 11 a.m.

SENIOR FIT PROGRAM Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. Hosted by Holy Cross Hospital at the Gym.

PICKLEBALL Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

WALKING PROGRAM Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 10 a.m.

The Gym will close at 4 p.m. on 12/31. The Gym will be closed New Year's Day, 1/1, and will open at 10 a.m. 1/2.

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.

REGISTER FOR SAGE CLASSES

Beginning **January 13**, adults 60+ can begin to register for 65 classes concerning the following topics: languages, exercise, history, writing, literature, music, art, healthy living and more. This is an enriching learning experience. The semester begins **February 13**. Contact the Senior Center for class descriptions, schedule and registration information.

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