

City of Bowie News & Events Update

as November 22, 2017

Happy Thanksgiving!

City offices and facilities are **closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24**. There will be no trash or recycling pickup on either day. The City Gymnasium and the Ice Arena will be open to the public on Friday, November 24.

Special Recall Election for District 2 Voters - Tuesday, December 19

The City of Bowie will hold a special recall election on December 19 for voters of District 2 to determine if Councilmember Diane Polangin should be recalled from office. City Clerk Awilda Hernandez announced the election today after the City Board of Elections certified that a recall petition presented to the City contained signatures of more than the required 25% of registered voters in District 2. The ballot will contain a single “yes or no” question: **“Do you vote to recall from her City elective office District 2 Councilmember Diane Polangin?”** Depending on the outcome of that vote, another election may need to be held in 60-90 days to fill the vacancy.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters may also cast their vote by absentee ballot if they cannot vote in person on December 19. Only registered voters of District 2 (A & B) are eligible to vote in this election. District 2A votes at Christian Community Presbyterian Church and the polling place for District 2B is Kenhill Center. More information about this special recall election will be available soon at www.cityofbowie.org/election.

District 2A

(Polling Location: Christian Community Presbyterian Church):

- Belair Town
- Bowie Forest
- Fairview
- Glenridge
- Grady’s Walk
- Highbridge Park
- Meadowbrook (only streets south and west of Millstream Drive)
- Somerset
- Stewart’s Landing
- Tulip Grove

District 2B

(Polling Location: Kenhill Center)

- Buckingham
- Derbyshire
- Forest Hills
- Foxhill
- Longridge
- Kenilworth

Trainspotting Day at Bowie Railroad Museum – November 26

This Sunday is AMTRAK’s busiest day of the year. There will be heavy rail traffic and all sort of unusual rail cars passing by the Railroad Museum. Santa Claus will also be on hand to welcome visitors of all ages. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum in Old Town Bowie. Free.

City Council Meeting

The final City Council meeting of the year takes place on Monday, December 4 at 8 p.m. at City Hall. Agenda topics include an update by BGE and a discussion about planning for the Fiscal Year 2019 budget.

Belair by Candlelight & Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony – December 3

The halls (and rooms) of Belair Mansion will be decked with holly and other traditional decorations. Come see Belair at its finest from noon to 6 p.m. on December 3. Then at 7 p.m., there will be caroling, a tree lighting, and a visit with Santa Claus. Free.

New Bowie Ice Arena Stakeholders Meeting – December 5

Design of the new Bowie Ice Arena on Church Road has begun. Residents and other stakeholders are invited to attend a meeting on December 5 at 7 p.m. at City Hall to learn about the preliminary design concept, to pose questions, and to provide input on the design concept thus far. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 301-809-2336 or email gstephanos@cityofbowie.org.

Calling All Student Artists to Enter the Martin Luther King Art Contest

The City of Bowie is hosting its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Contest to promote understanding about the lasting legacy of Dr. King.

This year's contest theme is "*Freedom: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.*" There are three different categories within the contest, depending on the grade level of the students. **The contest deadline is Monday December 4, 2017.** Visit www.cityofbowie.org/MLK for contest details.

K - 2nd Grade: Coloring contest

3 - 5th Grade: Poster contest

6 - 12th Grade: Video contest

Students who live within the municipal limits of Bowie (including home schooled students) or students who attend an eligible school in Bowie can participate in the contest. The complete list of eligible schools is located at the web link above.

Finalists will be selected in January and their work will be featured at the City's Martin Luther King program on January 13, 2018. Cash prizes will be awarded in each category in February. For more information, contact Una Cooper at 301-809-3032 or ucooper@cityofbowie.org.

Jobs

The City of Bowie is currently seeking applicants for the following positions:

- Theater Technician (closes 12/6)
- Entry Level & Lateral Police Officers (open)
- Solid Waste Driver/Collector (closes 11/24)
- Bus Driver (open)
- Tutor - contract position (closes 12/1)

Details and job application at www.cityofbowie.org/jobs.