



# BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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## Season's Greetings

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

2017 witnessed the passing of some wonderful friends who will be missed but will be forever remembered. 2017 also welcomed new neighbors that have chosen our community as the best place to live, work, and raise their families. We are pleased to have them join us. Bowie remains a great blend of children, young adults, caring parents and a lot of "seasoned neighbors" - and together they make Bowie the most desirable community in the region.

Thanks to all who make the City work - the folks that provide the incredible array of services that make us proud. Thanks too to the great medical professionals that care for us, the educational community that forges strong new generations and the strong Bowie veteran's community whose service to our nation and our City is nothing less than remarkable.



On behalf of the entire City Council and staff, I am pleased to extend best wishes to all for a warm and exciting holiday season and for a strong, healthy new year. As we celebrate the season, and as we remember our family members and friends in service to our country, we 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

## Bowie Residents Vote to Recall District 2 Councilmember

On December 19, 2017 District 2 residents voted in a Special Election to recall Councilmember Diane Polangin from office. The results were 69.23% voting "YES" to recall the councilmember and 30.77% voting "NO". There were 1,615 votes cast in the City's first ever Recall Election. The Special Recall Election was scheduled after a recall petition signed by more than 25% of the registered voters of District 2 was presented to the City in November and certified by the Board of Elections. The City Charter requires that a vote take place within 30 days of a recall petition being certified. Since a majority of the voters voted YES, Councilmember Polangin will be recalled from office and another election will be held in 60 to 90 days to fill the vacancy created by the recall.

## Refuse and Recycling

- There will be recycling collection on **New Year's Day**, January 1, 2018, for those neighborhoods on the regular Monday recycling schedule. There will be **no trash collection** on New Year's Day.
- Christmas trees** will be picked up with yardwaste every Wednesday in January through January 24. Make sure all lights and decorations are removed from the tree. Do **not** put the tree in a plastic bag. Place at the curb by 7 a.m.
- Due to a scheduled training event, yard waste and special collections (scrap metal and tires) is cancelled on **Wednesday, January 31**. Household recycling collection will be completed as normally scheduled. Yard waste and special collections will resume on Wednesday, February 7.

## New Bowie Ice Arena Annexation Hearing - 1/2

On Tuesday, **January 2, 2018**, at 8 p.m. the City Council will conduct a public hearing on a proposed annexation of a 20-acre property owned by the City, and located on the east side of Church Road, north of US 50. The new Bowie Ice Arena project will include two ice rinks in a 78,000 square foot structure. Annexation of the parcel will allow the City's Police Department to provide services and will allow the facility to be constructed under the City's Stormwater Management Ordinance. For more information, please call the Planning Department at 301-809-3047.

## Five-Year Consolidated Plan Public Hearings - 1/8 & 1/22

On **1/8/18** at 8 p.m. at **City Hall** or **1/22/18** at 12:45 p.m. at the **South Bowie Library**, join the Office of Grant Development & Administration in a discussion on the process and development of the **Citizen Participation Plan (CPP)** for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Five Year (FY19-23) Consolidated Plan for the City of Bowie. Topics include the needs of the community in the areas of housing, homelessness, community development and economic development. The draft CPP is available for review at Bowie Public Libraries, the Bowie Senior Center, and City Hall or at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) until February 5, 2018. Please send information requests/written comments to [bowieplan19@cityofbowie.org](mailto:bowieplan19@cityofbowie.org).

## Melford Village Apartments Meetings - 1/9 and 1/16

At a Stakeholders Meeting on December 13th, St. John Properties, the developer of Melford Village, presented its plans for "The Aspen Apartments at Melford Village", a multi-family apartment building containing 389 dwelling units and a parking garage containing 587 parking spaces. The 25-acre site is located on the west side of Curie Drive, north of Melford Boulevard. This will be the first residential development at Melford Village, which received Conceptual Site Plan approval in 2014 and Preliminary Subdivision approval in 2016. This project will be reviewed by the Bowie Advisory Planning Board on **January 9, 2018** and will be heard and voted upon by the City Council at a Public Hearing on **January 16, 2018**. For more information, please call the Planning Department at 301-809-3047.

**Bowie Ice Arena Events** Learn-to-skate classes are offered for those 18 months of age through adults, starting February 1, 2018. Call us about our after holiday mini-series of lessons. Public skating sessions are offered daily - monthly calendar can be viewed online. Information: 301-809-3090 or [www.cityofbowie.org/icearena](http://www.cityofbowie.org/icearena).

## Sewer Blockages and Backups

Sewer blockages and backups can cause property damage, health risks, and inconvenience for you and your neighbors. You can help prevent sewer blockages and backups in the following ways:

- Pour cooled grease into cans and dispose of in the trash. Never pour grease down sinks or toilets.
- Scrape grease and food scraps into the trash.
- Put baskets/strainers in sinks to catch food scraps. Empty strainers into the trash.
- Place paper towels, feminine products and disposable diapers in the trash - never down the toilet.
- Use degreasers sparingly. These products may simply pass grease down the line and cause problems elsewhere.

**Did You Know ...?** The City is 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 information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org). Nomination forms are available at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org). The nomination deadline is 5 p.m. **March 5, 2018** at City Hall.

**Generations** City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through February 9, 2018. 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 2018. High school seniors interested in the scholarships should contact their guidance counselors. The deadline is early Spring each year.

For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

## MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org)

**18TH CENTURY 12TH NIGHT SEWING CIRCLE** 1/6, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

**GAMES PEOPLE PLAYED** 1/7, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

**THE KISSING SAILOR - SECOND TUESDAY LECTURE** 1/9, 7:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

**KIDS KABOOSE** 1/16, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 2 - 11 Free

**WHILE THE COLD WINTER AWAY - BROWN BAG LUNCH** 1/22, 12 - 1 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

## CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive  
301-809-2388

**MORNING WALKING**  
Weekdays, 8:30 - 10 a.m.

**BASKETBALL OPEN GYM**  
Weekdays, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

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

**COED RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL** Fridays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**SENIOR FIT** Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 - 10 a.m.

**FRIDAY NIGHT OPEN GYM** 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 7:30 - 10 p.m. Three courts open.

## 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.

**FALL RISK ASSESSMENT**  
1/11, 10 a.m. Appointment needed

**VASCULAR HEALTH PRESENTATION** 1/11, 10:30 a.m.

**PARENTING THE SECOND TIME AROUND**  
1/18, 9:45 a.m. Tips for grandparents caring for grandchildren.

**NEW CLASSIC BOARD GAME WORKSHOP** 1/19, 10 a.m.

**TAP DANCE** 1/22, 1 p.m. Short program

Contact the Center for more information on events and classes.

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