



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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Leaf Collection Begins October 29

The City's leaf collection service begins October 29. Each neighborhood will have two collection dates. Residents should rake leaves into piles at the edge of their grass for pickup. Do not rake or blow leaves into the street. If you have a storm drain close to your house, please keep the storm drain and curb clear of leaves to prevent them from blocking water flow and flooding the roadways. 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 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. according to the schedule posted on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org/leafsched. 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 the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.

Halloween Trick or Treating - October 31

Recommended hours 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. Drivers, be careful and watch out for ghosts, goblins and other costumed creatures.

City Council Meetings to Note

November 5 - City Council Meeting, 8 p.m.

November 19 - City Council Meeting, 8 p.m.

For information, contact the City Clerk at 301-809-3029 or ahernandez@cityofbowie.org.

Green Bowie

Veterans Day 5K November 10 will be the first annual **Green Bowie Veterans Day 5K**. This free fun run and walk will start and end at Bowie Town Center. It will feature special guest speakers and have a variety of community groups and Green Bowie businesses present. This is a fun and active way to honor Veterans and support Green Bowie. To register, go to www.active.com and search Green Bowie. All participants will receive an event T-shirt and a race bib. Veterans and active duty service members will receive a special gift. Information: 301-809-3044 or aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org.

Weed Warrior Workday November 17 will be the last Weed Warrior workday session of the fall season. Come out and help members of your Bowie Green Team remove English Ivy from trees. The workday will take place from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Whitemarsh Park. Students are eligible to earn SSL hours. Registration is required so please contact aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044.

Prevent Sewer Blockages and Backups

Sewer blockages and backups can cause property damage, health risks, environmental damage, and inconvenience for you and your neighbors. Help prevent 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.
- Put baskets/strainers in sinks to catch food scraps. Empty strainers into the trash.
- Scrape grease and food scraps into a secure container and place in the trash.
- Place paper towels, feminine products and disposable diapers in the trash - never down the toilet.
- Use degreasers sparingly - they may pass grease down the line and cause problems elsewhere.

Where Is Your Cleanout?

The backup of sewage in your home is an unpleasant prospect. Fortunately, you can protect your property. A cleanout is a capped pipe in your yard that rises from your sewer line to about 4 inches above ground level. It makes the sewer line accessible outside of your house. Without a cleanout, a plumber must either remove a toilet or run a cable through a roof vent to access the sewer line, which can be costly. If you don't have a cleanout, consider installing one as close to your house as possible. A cleanout is considered a home improvement. Also, check your homeowner's insurance policy to determine if you are covered for a sewage backup. This insurance is relative inexpensive for the coverage and peace of mind it provides. If you are not covered for sewage backups, call your agent for information on cost and coverage options.

Prepare for Winter Weather

Each City resident and commercial property owner is responsible for removing snow and/or ice from the sidewalk adjacent to their property within 48 hours of cessation of a snowfall.

Are you a resident who has a limitation which may prevent you from being able to remove ice and snow from your sidewalks? The City provides additional time for people with considering factors such as age, physical handicap or disability, but you must submit a waiver application. The Snow/Ice Clearing Waiver application may be found at www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms. For more information, please contact the City's Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 or dmichelle@cityofbowie.org.

Need Help with Odd Jobs?

Bowie Youth & Family Services sponsors a Teen Job Bank, where residents can find 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 **snow shoveling**, yard work, babysitting 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 at www.cityofbowie.org/jobbank, or call us at 301-809-3033.

November City Holidays

- **Veterans Day** Monday, November 12, 2018
- **Thanksgiving Day** Thursday, November 22, 2018
- **Day After Thanksgiving** Friday, November 23, 2018

City offices will be closed on the dates listed above. There will be no refuse or recycling service on these dates; services will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.

Veterans Corner

Need help with benefits - Service Officer available every Monday 6 - 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 & programs, tune to the Veterans Forum on Bowie Cable TV Channel 11 (Verizon) or 77 (Comcast). Consult the guide for time.



Small Wonders City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through 11/30. Free and open to the public. Seeking artists for next exhibit, **Reflections**; deadline 11/3.

A Piece of My Heart 11/9 - 11/18 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: 301-805-0219 or www.bctheatre.com.

Holiday Arts & Crafts Market 11/17, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Neil Norris at nnorris@cityofbowie.org or 240-544-5601.

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

ANNUAL HISTORY LECTURE

11/5, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion \$65 per person, includes lunch. Reservation required

MEET MARYLAND'S FIRST VETERANS

11/10, 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion First Maryland Regiment All Ages Free

FAIRY TALE FUN

11/20, 10 - 11 a.m. Belair Mansion Seasonal stories, craft and refreshments for ages 3 - 6, with adult. Free

KIDS KABOOSE

11/20, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 1-11, with adult. Free

TRAINSPOTTING DAY

11/25, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum. AMTRAK's busiest day. Santa too, 12 - 3 p.m.! Free

ADULTS 55+

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

GENERAL ELECTION TRANSPORTATION

11/6, Call the Center by 11/2 to schedule shuttle service to the polls.

HONORING VETERANS

11/8, 12:30 p.m. Public welcome

HEARING SCREENING

11/13 and 11/28, 10 - 11 a.m. Call for an appointment.

HOT TOPIC - I'M HOLDING MY OWN - TIME MANAGEMENT AND RETIREMENT

11/20, 5:45 p.m. Public welcome

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

MORNING WALKING

Weekdays, 8:30 - 10 a.m.

PICKLEBALL

Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

COED RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL

Friday, 12 - 2 p.m.

ICE ARENA

3330 Northview Drive
301-809-3090

PUBLIC SESSIONS

Schedule can be viewed at www.cityofbowie.org/icearena.

GROUP LESSONS

Series 2 Learn to Skate classes begin December 6. Save \$10 off registration fees with early bird registration at the Ice Arena November 15 - December 1. Ask about special discounts too!

The Ice Arena will be **closed Thanksgiving Day, 11/22**. Look for added public sessions, pickup skating and stick & pucks sessions over the holiday weekend.

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