

# Bowie News Flash

**November 2018**

## News

### **Early Voting at City Gym: October 25 – November 1, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.**

Avoid the crowds on Election Day and vote early! The City of Bowie Gym is one of 11 early voting sites in Prince George's County to cast your vote for congressional, state, and county offices. Information: [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov) or call 301-341-7300.

### **Honoring Bowie Blade Reporter John McNamara – October 27**

Bowie Blade-News reporter John McNamara lost his life in June at the Capital Gazette-News offices in Annapolis. The City Council will honor the memory of Mr. McNamara at a public ceremony at City Hall on October 27. Council will unveil a plaque dedicating the press area in the Council Chambers in his memory. All are welcome. City Hall, 10 a.m.

### **Prescription Drug Take Back – October 27**

Stop by the Bowie Police Department lobby (15901 Excalibur Road) between **10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** to safely and responsibly dispose of unused or expired medications. Pet medications are also accepted. Please, no needles, sharps, or epipens. For more information, contact the Bowie Police Department at 240-544-5792 or [agibson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:agibson@cityofbowie.org).

### **Halloween on Ice – October 27**

Celebrate Halloween at the Ice Arena on October 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. Free admission with costume. Free skate rental with a canned good. Costume contest, treat bags and lots of skating fun for the whole family! For information, call the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090 or visit [www.cityofbowie.org/icearena](http://www.cityofbowie.org/icearena).

### **Curbside 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](http://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 Treat - Wednesday, October 31**

Halloween is Wednesday, October 31st. Suggested hours for trick or treating are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Bowie Police Departments remind trick or treaters and their parents to watch out for cars, carry a flashlight, and check all treats carefully. If you are on the roads on Halloween, drive carefully and watch out for pedestrians.

### **Toys for Tots 2018 Toy Drive – November 1 – December 14**

New, unwrapped toys may be donated at City Hall, the Police Department, Senior Center, Gymnasium, Ice Arena, and Kenhill Center. For information, please contact the Police Department at 240-544-5792 or [COPS@cityofbowie.org](mailto:COPS@cityofbowie.org).

### **City Council Meetings to Note**

- November 5 - City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. – South Lake (Karington) Declaration of Covenants Resolution R-76-18
- November 19 - City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. – Auditors Presentation

For information, contact the City Clerk at 301-809-3029 or [ahernandez@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ahernandez@cityofbowie.org).

### **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.

### **Trees and Storms**

We hope for a moderate storm season this winter. While snow is the biggest issue, wind is a close second. Not only does wind produce snowdrifts, it also causes trees to uproot and topple over as well as damage the canopy of many trees causing dangerous and unsightly outcomes. Along with winter, thunderstorm and hurricane seasons are also likely to cause this kind of tree damage from the combination of rain, lightning, and wind. City staff is ready to address these storms and the resulting damage in cooperation with residents. Report storm-related hazardous tree damage as soon as possible; contact City Hall at 301-262-6200 or the City's Parks and Grounds Division at 301-809-2353 or after hours, call the Non-Emergency Call Center at 240-544-5700.

Additional sources of information related to tree and storm damage:

- BGE - 1-800-685-0123 - tree power line issues
- BGE - 1-877-778-2222 - power outage issues
- M-NCPPC - 301-218-6800 - tree issues in M-NCPPC parks
- Prince George's County - 301-499-8530 - tree issues on County roads or call County Click 311.
- Maryland State Highway Administration - 301-513-7300 - tree issues on State roads and highways

## **Green Bowie**

**Saturday, 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044.

## **Bowie Ice Arena News**

**Public Sessions** - Schedule can be viewed at [www.cityofbowie.org/icearena](http://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 to 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. For more information, contact the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090.

## **What's Bouncing at the City Gym?**

- **Morning Walking** Weekdays, 8:30 - 10 a.m.
- **Pickleball** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Learn to play!
- **Coed Recreational Volleyball** Fridays, 12 - 2 p.m. No experience needed. Come out and make new friends, have fun and get some quality exercise.

For more information on any of these programs, contact the City Gym at **301-809-2388**.

## **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.

### **Drivers, Watch Out for Deer**

The danger of colliding with deer is greatest during the early morning or evening hours, and especially on those streets with wooded areas of limited visibility. At these times and places, drivers should be most attentive to their surroundings. Slow down, drive with your headlights on and be prepared to stop at a moments notice. Remember, if you see one deer, another usually follows. Drivers should consider purchasing a deer whistle for each vehicle owned. These small devices are inexpensive, very easy to install, and are proven to greatly reduce the number of deer collisions. For more information, contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002.

### **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](http://www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms). For more information, please contact the City's Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 or [dmichelle@cityofbowie.org](mailto:dmichelle@cityofbowie.org).

### **Teen Job Bank**

Teens are needed for snow shoveling this winter! 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, tutoring, shopping or other chores. The particulars of the job and the fees per hour are determined by the resident and the teen. Residents can sign up for this program by completing the Teen Job Bank resident application found at [www.cityofbowie.org/jobbank](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobbank) or call Bowie Youth & Family Services at 301-809-3033.

### **Small Wonders**

The current City Hall Art Gallery exhibit is *Small Wonders*. The show runs through November 30, 2018. It is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Neil Norris at [nnorris@cityofbowie.org](mailto:nnorris@cityofbowie.org) or 240-544-5601.

## Jobs

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

- Utilities Service Worker (closes 11/5/18)
- Gymnasium Supervisor – Part Time (open)
- Communications Specialist II – Police Department (open)
- Police Officer – Entry Level and Lateral (open)

## Events

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**10/28 – Octoberfest at Bowie Farmers' Market** 10 a.m. at the Bowie High School parking lot, 15200 Annapolis Road. Come out and make a scarecrow (participants need to bring an old pair of pants, a shirt, and a nylon stocking(for the head)). The market will supply the straw and the know-how. And have fun decorating a pumpkin you bring or purchase at the market. For more information, contact Matt Corley at [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3078.

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**11/5 – Annual History Lecture** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. \$65 per person, includes lunch. Reservation required. For reservations and more information, please contact 301-809-

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

***Update: We regret to announce this event has been canceled.***

**11/5 – City Council Meeting** 8 p.m. at City Hall. South Lake (Karington) Declaration of Covenants Resolution R-76-18.

**11/6 – Election Day Transportation to the Polls** Call the Senior Center by 11/2 to schedule shuttle service to the polls. For reservations and more information, please contact the Center at 301-809-2300.

**11/8 – Honoring Veterans** 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the Center at 301-809-2300.

**11/9-11/18 – “A Piece of My Heart” at Bowie Playhouse** Tickets: 301-805-0219 or [www.bctheatre.com](http://www.bctheatre.com).

**11/10 – Veterans Day 5K** This free fun run and walk will start and end at Bowie Town Center. To register, go to [www.active.com](http://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](mailto:aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org).

**11/10 – Meet Maryland’s First Veterans** 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. First Maryland Regiment. All ages welcome. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**11/12 – Veterans Day Holiday.** City offices closed. No trash or recycling pickup.

**11/13 – Hearing Screening** 10 – 11 a.m. at Bowie Senior Center. Call for an appointment. For more information, please contact the Center at 301-809-2300.

**11/15 – Group Lessons Registration Begins** Bowie Ice Arena. Classes start 12/6. Classes for children 18 month of age to adults. Ask about beginner and family discounts. For more information, please contact the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090.

**11/17 – Weed Warrior Work Day** 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Whitmarsh Park. Help members of the Bowie Green Team remove English Ivy from trees. Students are eligible to earn SSL hours. Registration is required, so please contact [aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org](mailto:aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3044.

**11/17 – Holiday Arts and Crafts Market** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Bowie Center for the Performing Arts (15200 Annapolis Road). For information, contact Neil Norris at [nnorris@cityofbowie.org](mailto:nnorris@cityofbowie.org) or 240-544-5601.

**11/19 – City Council Meeting** 8 p.m. at City Hall

**11/20 – Kids Kaboose** 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun for ages 1 - 11. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**11/20 – Fairy Tales** 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Seasonal stories, craft and refreshments for ages 3 - 6, with adult. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**11/20 – Hot Topic – I’m Holding My Own – Time Management and Retirement** 5:45 p.m. at Bowie Senior Center. The public is welcome. For more information, please contact the Center at 301-809-2300.

**11/22 & 11/23 – Thanksgiving and Day after Thanksgiving.** City holidays. City offices closed. No trash or recycling collection on either day.

**11/25 – Trainspotting Day at Bowie Railroad Museum** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. AMTRAK’s busiest day of the year – heavy rail traffic and unusual rail cars. Visit with Santa. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

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# 2018 Leaf Collection Schedule

Neighborhood	1st Collection Date	2nd Collection Date
Adnell	11/5	12/6
Amber Meadows	11/20	12/13
Ashleigh	11/15	12/11
Ashleigh Station	11/15	12/11
Belair Greens	11/21	12/12
Belair Town 1	11/16	12/12
Belair Town 2	11/14	12/4
Buckingham	11/5	11/27
Chapel Forge	11/6	11/28
Collington Station/Manor	11/15	12/11
Covington Manor	11/19	12/13
Derbyshire	11/5	11/26
Devonshire	11/15	12/11
Dixon Crossing	11/13	12/11
Enfield (Excluding Townhomes)	11/8	11/30
Fairview	11/8	11/30
Forest Hills	11/1	11/30
Foxhill	10/29	11/29
Glen Allen	11/19	12/13
Grady's Walk	11/15	12/11
Grovehurst	11/15	12/11
Hamptons	11/15	12/11
Harvey Manor	11/5	12/6
Heather Hills	11/5	12/5
Highbridge Park	11/13	12/11
Huntington	11/5 (& 11/6 for areas not completed the day before)	12/6
Huntington Crest	11/5	12/6
Idlewild	10/30 (& 10/31 for areas not completed the day before)	12/5
Kenilworth	10/31 & (11/1 for areas not completed the day before)	11/26
Long Leaf	11/21	12/13
Long Ridge	10/29	11/20 (& 11/21 for areas not completed the day before)
Meadowbrook	11/16	12/12
Mitchellville East	11/19	12/13
Northridge	11/8	12/6
Northview	11/19	12/10
Oaktree	11/20	12/11
Old Chapel	11/16	12/12
Old Chapel Estates	11/16	12/12
Old Stage	11/13	12/4
Overbrook	10/30	11/27
Patuxent Overlook	11/21	12/13
Peach Preserve	11/19	12/13
Pointer Ridge	11/7	12/3
Rockledge	11/6	11/26
Rolling Hills	11/13 (& 11/14 for areas not completed the day before)	12/6
Saddlebrook	11/14	12/10
Somerset	10/29 (& 10/30 for areas not completed the day before)	11/21
Spring Meadows	11/15	12/11
Stewarts Landing	11/13	12/11
Tall Oaks	11/1	11/28
Ternberry	11/15	12/11
Tulip Grove	10/30	11/29
Victoria Heights	11/6	11/27
Westview	11/15	12/11
Whitehall	11/14	12/10
Woodmore Estates	11/15	12/11
Woodmore Highlands	11/15	12/11
Yorktown	11/14	12/4

Some neighborhoods are scheduled for more than one consecutive day. Leaves should be out by 7 a.m. on the first day listed. When their schedule permits, City crews may work ahead to collect leaves already at the side of the road in order to stay ahead of impending bad weather or heavy leaf volume. Whenever this occurs all streets will be revisited on the scheduled date to collect any leaves raked out in the interim.