



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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Holiday Candlelight and Tree Lighting

The City invites you to bring your family and friends to celebrate the holidays at Belair Mansion beginning at 12 p.m. on Sunday, **December 2, 2018**. Traditional decorations and flickering candles will offer a glimpse of holidays past. The music of "Bedlam" will fill the air at 2 p.m. and the candles will be lit at 3 p.m. Then, bundle up for an outdoor "carol sing-along" with the City Council, tree lighting, and the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus atop the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department's ladder truck at 7 p.m. Admission is free but donations to the Bowie Food Pantry are requested. Please look for the marked Food Pantry containers for your donations. For more information, contact the Museums Office at 301-809-3089 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

City Council Meeting to Note

December 3 - City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. FY 2020 Budget Guidance; South Lake (Karington) Annexation Resolution R-71-18; South Lake (Karington) Development District Resolution Introduction; South Lake (Karington) Special Taxing District Resolution Introduction; and South Lake (Karington) Ordinance Introduction.

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

Bowie Police Host Annual "Shop with a Cop"

The Bowie Police Department is pleased to host its annual "Shop With A Cop" event on Sunday, December 9, 2018. This is a nationally recognized program that helps less fortunate children and families during the holiday season. Through donations received, children from families in need will receive a day filled with holiday fun, including a shopping spree at Target, a delicious lunch, photos with Santa, and more!

Please help us help others! We are in need of donors to make this event a success. Donations may be directed to the Bowie Police Department, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716. Make checks payable to the "City of Bowie". Your donation may be tax deductible. For information about this program, please contact the Bowie Police Community Service Unit at 240-544-5792 or cops@cityofbowie.org.

Holiday House Decorating Contest

Do you spend hours putting up lights and other displays outdoors for the holidays? Are your decorations the envy of the neighborhood? Then why not enter the City's Holiday House Decorating Contest! Entry deadline is **December 10, 2018** at 5 p.m. Homes must be within the Bowie municipal limits. For information, visit www.cityofbowie.org/housedecorating or contact Matt Corley at mcorley@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3078.

Breakfast with Santa!

Plan to bring your children or grandchildren to the Senior Center on Saturday, **December 15, 2018** from 9 - 11 a.m. for a very special morning event! Share pancakes, sausage, fruit, and juice. Enjoy roving magicians, a visit and photo opportunity with Santa, and create a holiday craft with the kids! Admission is \$5 per person (children 2 and under are free). Registration is required by December 8. For more information or to register, contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300. This community event is sponsored by the City and the Bowie Lions Club.

Donate to Toys for Tots

Join the Bowie Police Department to help make this Christmas special for children. Please donate new unwrapped toys to Toys for Tots. Donations will be accepted at the following City locations: City Hall, Bowie Police Station, Gymnasium, Ice Arena, Senior Center and Kenhill Center. Please drop toys off by December 14, 2018.

For more information, please contact the Bowie Police Community Service Unit at 240-544-5792 or cops@cityofbowie.org.

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.

Imagine an Hour that Impacts a Lifetime ...

Imagine mentoring! Mentoring makes a difference and now is the time to volunteer. The Bowie Youth & Family Services Teen Mentoring Program can help you do just that. When you volunteer to mentor a Bowie High School student, you agree to spend one hour a week building a positive relationship with a student and supporting their success in school, in their family and in the Bowie community. Mentors must be willing to: make a commitment to meet weekly with a teen for the entire academic year; agree to security screening and fingerprinting; and participate in mentor training and group events.

To apply, contact Program Coordinator Tia Younger at mentor@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3033.

Winter City Holidays

- **Christmas Day** Tuesday, December 25, 2018
- **New Year's Day** Tuesday, January 1, 2019

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

There will be no recycling service on Christmas Day, 12/25/18. There will be recycling service on New Year's Day, January 1, 2019, for those neighborhoods on the regular Tuesday recycling schedule.

Reflections City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs 12/1/18 through 2/16/19. Free and open to the public. Next exhibit: Bowie Crofton Camera Club (Members Only)

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

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

HOLIDAY CANDLELIGHT OPEN HOUSE 12/2, 12 - 6 p.m. Belair Mansion Free Pantry donations requested

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING 12/2, 7 p.m. Belair Mansion Free Pantry donations requested

KINDERKRISTMAS 12/8 12 - 4 p.m. Belair Mansion Blue Sky Puppet Theater at 2:30 p.m. Ages 1-11, with adult. Free

FAIRY TALE HOLIDAY FUN 12/14, 10 - 11 a.m. Belair Mansion Ages 2-5, with adult. Free

ADULTS 55+

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

HIGH ENERGY MAGIC OF SPEED PERFORMANCE 12/4, 12:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR 12/7, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Public welcome

CHARLES COUNTY SHOW TROUPE HOLIDAY VARIETY SHOW 12/10, 10:30 a.m.

A CELESTIAL CELEBRATION - SENIOR CHORALE HOLIDAY CONCERTS 12/12, 4 p.m. and 12/13, 1 p.m. at Senior Center; 12/14, 7:30 p.m. at Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. Contact Senior Center for tickets.

HOLIDAY PARTY 12/20, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Registration and fee required.

NOON YEAR'S PARTY 12/31, 12:30 - 2 p.m. Registration and fee required.

ICE ARENA

3330 Northview Drive
301-809-3090
www.cityofbowie.org/icearena

LEARN TO SKATE LESSONS Classes begin 12/6. Save \$10 with early bird registration by December 1.

SANTA'S JINGLE SKATE 12/8, 1 - 3 p.m. Free admission with a donation of a new unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots Drive.

The Ice Arena will be closed Christmas Day, December 25.

MLK STUDENT ART CONTEST

For grades K - 12 Details at www.cityofbowie.org/MLK Entry deadline: 1/4/19

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