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Season's Greetings

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As 2018 slides into history, I would like to take a moment on behalf of the entire City Council and our City staff, to wish you a happy, prosperous and healthy new year.

We are blessed to live in a community that is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family. I am so proud to call Bowie my hometown. The people that make this city thrive and grow are great. You have made Bowie the jewel of the state.



So special thanks to our families that guide our children into wonderful adults. Thanks to our education professionals that foster and encourage the intellectual growth of those children. Thanks to all our public safety professionals that keep us safe. Thanks to our Public Works and Parks & Grounds professionals that keep our city healthy. Special thanks to all that continue to honor and support the proud military veteran community of Bowie. I will always be proud to call everyone here friend and neighbor.

Happy New Year! G. Frederick Robinson, Mayor

Seeking Applicants for District 3 Council Seat

The City of Bowie is seeking applicants to fill the vacancy in the District 3 City Council seat. The vacancy was created when Councilmember Courtney Glass resigned her position in early December 2018, citing chronic health conditions and a need to move out of District 3.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have resided in the City of Bowie at least one year, reside in District 3, and be a qualified voter in the City. Interested applicants should send a letter of interest and a resume to Awilda Hernandez, City Clerk, Bowie City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716. Applications will be accepted until the close of business on Friday, January 18, 2019. For more information, contact 301-809-3029 or ahernandez@cityofbowie.org.

January City Holidays

- **New Year's Day** Tuesday, January 1, 2019 No trash collection.
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** Monday, January 21, 2019 No trash or recycling collection.

City offices will be closed on the dates listed above.

Refuse and Recycling

- There will be recycling collection on **New Year's Day**, January 1, 2019, for those neighborhoods on the regular Tuesday 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. 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.

City Council Meetings to Note

- **January 7** City Council Meeting, 8 p.m.
- **January 22** City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. South Lake (Karrington) Resolutions R-90-18 and R-91-18 and Ordinance O-8-18

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

Trails Master Plan Survey

The Planning Department is updating the City's 2002 Trails Master Plan and is seeking your suggestions for the future of our City's trail network. Help us identify issues and concerns about bicycling and walking in Bowie and how to enhance your experience on our trails. Assist us by completing a survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/bowie_trails_survey. Also plan to attend a Trails Planning Workshop on February 2, 2019, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Kenhill Center. Information: <https://www.cityofbowie.org/2410/Trails-Master-Plan>

Energy Audit Program

Save money and improve the comfort of your home with a no-cost BGE comprehensive energy audit available to Bowie homeowners. Complete an application online at www.cityofbowie.org/eap. Call 301-809-3043 with questions.

Winter Weather - Snow Emergency

A Snow Emergency is declared whenever snow reaches a depth of two (2) inches. All vehicles must be removed from the City streets during a snow emergency, and parked in driveways. If driveway space is unavailable, you may park your vehicle on the grass on your property, but do not block the sidewalk. Parking on the grass is acceptable only during the snow or ice event, therefore once the snow has been cleared, immediately move your vehicle back onto the street.

The City begins plowing when the snow depth reaches two (2) inches. All main drives, hills and collector streets are treated and/or plowed first. Plowing continues until all streets have been cleared. For information, contact the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 or dmichelle@cityofbowie.org.

Need Help with Snow Shoveling or Other 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. To apply, contact Program Coordinator Tia Younger at mentor@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3033.

City Accepting Nominations for Hall of Honor

The Hall of Honor was developed to recognize those citizens of Bowie who have made "major and lasting contributions" to the City. A nominee 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 either during the time of their contribution or at the time of their death. For information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org. Nomination forms are available at www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms. The nomination deadline is 5 p.m. **March 4, 2019** at City Hall.

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

Chess, The Musical 1/25 - 2/16 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: 301-832-4819 or www.2ndstarproductions.com.

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

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

BRAVE SOLDIER OF FAME, LAFAYETTE IN ANNAPOLIS - SECOND TUESDAY LECTURE 1/8, 7:30 p.m. Belair Mansion Free

KIDS KABOOSE

1/15, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 1-11, with adult. Free

FAIRY TALE FUN 1/22, 10 - 11 a.m. Belair Mansion Ages 2-5, with adult. Stories, snack and a craft. Free

ADULTS 55+

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

TAP DANCE SHORT PROGRAM 1/14, 1 p.m.

IMPROVE YOUR HEART HEALTH 1/24, 10:30 a.m.

ARMCHAIR TOUR: VENICE
1/24, 12:30 p.m.

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE 1/29, 10 a.m. Preregistration and fee required.

ARMCHAIR TOUR: THE MANY HOUSES OF GOD
1/30, 12:30 p.m.

Time to register for **SAGE** continuing education classes!

ICE ARENA

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

LEARN TO SKATE LESSONS
Classes begin 2/2. Save \$10 with early bird registration 1/24 - 1/31.

PUBLIC SKATING SESSION
View monthly calendar online at www.cityofbowie.org/icearena.

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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
1/11, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Information: 1-800-REDCROSS or www.redcrossblood.org.

MLK STUDENT ART CONTEST

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

CITY COUNCIL

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