

# Bowie News Flash

## *A few December announcements...*

### **Christmas Holiday**

City government is open on **Christmas Eve** and trash and recycling will be picked up on December 24<sup>th</sup> as usual.

**Christmas Day** is a holiday. All facilities are closed and there will be no trash or recycling collection.

### **House Decorating Winners**

Thanks to all who participated in this year's Holiday House Decorating Contest! You can enjoy their hard work and festive displays until December 31<sup>st</sup>. See the list of winners at [www.cityofbowie.org/decoratingwinners](http://www.cityofbowie.org/decoratingwinners).

## **January 2019**

### **News**

#### **City Seeks Applicants for District 3 Council Seat**

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

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 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](mailto:ahernandez@cityofbowie.org).

### Upcoming City Holidays

- **New Year's Day** Tuesday, January 1, 2019
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** Monday, January 21, 2019

City offices are closed on the dates listed above. There will be no refuse collection on New Year's Day; however, there will be recycling collection on January 1<sup>st</sup> for those neighborhoods on the regular Tuesday recycling schedule. On the Martin Luther King, Jr holiday there will be no refuse or recycling service.

### Calling All Student Artists!

The City of Bowie is hosting its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Contest to promote a better understanding about the lasting legacy of Dr. King. The theme for this year's contest is "**Living the MLK Legacy**". There are three different categories within the contest, depending on the grade level of the students: K - 2nd grade, coloring contest; 3rd - 5th grade, poster contest; and 6 - 12th grade, video contest. Cash prizes are awarded to the first, second, and third place winners in each category. Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/MLK](http://www.cityofbowie.org/MLK) for contest details.

Students who live within the municipal limits of Bowie (including home schooled students) or students who attend an eligible school in Bowie can participate in the contest. The complete list of eligible schools may be found at the web link above.

**Entries are due January 4, 2019.** Finalists and winners will be selected and their work will be featured at the City's program honoring Dr. Martin Luther King on **Saturday, January 19, 2019** at City Hall. For more information, contact Una Cooper at [ucooper@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ucooper@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3032.

### City Council Meetings to Note

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

### Sears Site Stakeholders Meeting – January 23

The Sears store is closing. The City will hold a stakeholders meeting in the Council Chambers at City Hall on January 23, 2019 at 7 p.m. to discuss a proposal for the mixed use redevelopment of the Sears site at Bowie Town Center. For more information, please contact the City Planning Department at 301-809-3047.

### Trails Master Plan Survey

The Planning Department is updating the City's 2002 Trails Master Plan and is seeking suggestions for the future of our City's trail network. Help us identify issues and concerns about bicycling and walking in Bowie and how we can enhance your experience on City trails. Assist us by completing a survey at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/bowie\\_trails\\_survey](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. For more information about the process, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/2410/Trails-Master-Plan](http://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](http://www.cityofbowie.org/eap). Call 301-809-3043 with questions.

### **Bowie Ice Arena Events**

Learn-to-skate classes are offered for those 18 months of age through adults, starting February 2, 2019. Save \$10 with early bird registration from January 24 to January 31.

Public skating sessions are offered daily. The monthly calendar can be viewed online at [www.cityofbowie.org/icearena](http://www.cityofbowie.org/icearena) or call 301-809-3090 for information.

### **Refuse and Recycling Notes:**

- Recycling collection will take place on **New Year's Day**, January 1, 2019, for those neighborhoods on the regular Tuesday recycling schedule.
- **Christmas trees** will be picked up with yardwaste every Wednesday in January through January 31. 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.

### **Snow Removal**

A **Snow Emergency** is declared whenever snow reaches a depth of two (2) inches. All vehicles must be removed from the City streets and parked in driveways during a snow emergency. 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. Once the snow has been cleared, you must 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](mailto:dmichelle@cityofbowie.org).

### **Snow Removal Time Waiver**

Do you have a limitation that may prevent you from removing ice and snow from the public sidewalk or driveway quickly? The City provides additional time for people with factors such as age, physical handicap or disability, but you must submit a waiver application and be approved. The application is available at [www.cityofbowie.org/snowwaiver](http://www.cityofbowie.org/snowwaiver). For more information, please contact the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 or [dmichelle@cityofbowie.org](mailto:dmichelle@cityofbowie.org).

### **Mentors Needed!**

Mentoring makes a difference! The Bowie Youth & Family Services Teen Mentoring Program needs volunteers. 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](mailto:mentor@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3033.

### **Contact the Teen Job Bank for Help with Shoveling and Other Chores**

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, on either 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 resident and the teen determine the particulars of the job and the fees per hour. To participate, complete the Job Bank Teen application or Resident Application found on the City website at [www.cityofbowie.org/jobbank](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobbank) or call 301-809-3033.

### **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, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. No experience needed.
- **Senior Fit** Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 - 10 a.m. Hosted by Holy Cross Hospital at the Gym. Participants must register with Holy Cross. For information and registration, call Sara McKechnie at 301-754-7895.

### **Keep Pets Inside in Cold Weather**

Dogs and cats should be kept inside during cold weather. It is a common belief that dogs and cats are more resistant than people to cold weather because of their fur, but this is not true. Like people, dogs and cats are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia and should be kept indoors. Longer-haired and thick-coated dog breeds, such as huskies and other dogs bred for colder climates, are more tolerant of the cold weather; but no pet should be left outside for long periods of time in freezing temperatures. Bowie Animal Control will continue to be proactive in ensuring no pets are kept outdoors in the cold. For more information, contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002.

### **City Accepting Nominations for Hall of Honor**

The Hall of Honor was created 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](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org). Nomination forms are available at [www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms](http://www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms). The nomination deadline is 5 p.m. **March 4, 2019** at City Hall.

### **Student Scholarships**

The City Council believes it is important to recognize and help students through various City scholarship programs.

- **Art Scholarship** – This scholarship is awarded to graduating high school seniors who will be pursuing studies in an arts-related field. Deadline is early Spring.
- **Education Scholarship** – Scholarships are awarded to Bowie students who have excelled during their high school career. Students should contact the Guidance Department at their high school as soon as possible in order to be considered for this scholarship.

Scholarship applications for high school seniors with Bowie addresses will be available in mid-January 2019. For information about either scholarship program, please contact Neil Norris at [nnorris@cityofbowie.org](mailto:nnorris@cityofbowie.org) or 240-544-5601.

### **Employee Service Awards**

At a ceremony on December 14, several employees were recognized for their many years of service to the City of Bowie.

Kevin Kennedy, Public Works Streets Superintendent was honored for his 45 years as a City employee and Sherman Garland, of the Public Works Solid Waste Division was honored for his 40 years of service.

Other long-time employees honored were:

#### **25 Years**

Jamie Braun (Code Compliance)  
Byron Matthews (Finance)  
Franks Stevens (Planning)

#### **30 Years**

Steve Beall (Public Works)  
Jackie Tayman (Public Works)  
James Catterton (Ice Rink)  
Darrin Thomas (Public Works)

Congratulations to all!

### **"Chess, The Musical" at Bowie Playhouse**

The show runs January 26 – February 16. For ticket information, call 301-832-4819 or visit [www.2ndstarproductions.com](http://www.2ndstarproductions.com).

### **Reflections Exhibit**

This City Hall Art Gallery exhibit runs through **February 16, 2019**. It is free and open to the public during City Hall hours. 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:

- Police Cadet – (open)
- Police Officer – Entry Level and Lateral (open)

Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/jobs](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobs) for more information or to apply.

## **Events**

**1/1 – City Holiday.**

**1/7 – Regular City Council Meeting** 8 p.m. at City Hall.

**1/8 – Brave Soldier of Fame, Lafayette in Annapolis** 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**1/11 – Red Cross Blood Drive** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the City Gym. For more information, contact 1-800-REDCROSS or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

**1/14 – Tap Dance** 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. Short program. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**1/15 – Kids Kaboose** - 10:30 a.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad stories and fun for ages 1 - 10. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**1/17 – Celebrating the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**1/18 – Application Deadline for District 3 Council Vacancy.**

**1/19 – Program Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** 10 a.m. at City Hall. The program will feature the artwork of local students who have been selected as finalists and winners in the City's Martin Luther King Art Contest.

**1/21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.** City government closed. No trash or recycling collection.

**1/22 – Fairy Tale Fun** 10 - 11 a.m. at Belair Mansion. Ages 2 - 5, with adult. Stories, snack and a craft. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

**1/22 – Regular City Council Meeting** 8 p.m. at City Hall. South Lake (Karington) Resolutions R-90-18 and R-91-18 and Ordinance O-8-18

**1/23 – Sears Site Stakeholder Meeting** 7 p.m. at City Hall. The subject is a proposal for mixed-use redevelopment of the Sears site at Bowie Town Center. For more information, please contact the City Planning Department at 301-809-3047.

**1/24 – Improve Your Heart Health** 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**1/24 – Armchair Tour: Venice** 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**1/29 – AARP Smart Driver Course** 10 a.m. at the Senior Center. Preregistration and fee required. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

**1/30 – Armchair Tour: The Many Houses of God** 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

***Happy Holidays from the City of Bowie!***

*On behalf of the City Council and all of the employees, we wish you a healthy and happy 2019!*