

# News Flash Update – January 11, 2019

## **Snow!**

Our first real snow event of the season is expected this weekend. With only a few inches forecast to fall between late Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, we don't expect this to be a high impact event. However, the City is preparing for whatever might come our way.

More than 20 city vehicles are ready for plowing operations and plowing contractors are on stand-by, if needed. At this point, all weekend events are on as scheduled. If any event cancellations or facility closures are necessary, we will communicate that information via Alert Bowie, the City website, the government channel, and social media.

City crews generally begin plowing operations when two inches of snow have fallen. They begin with main thoroughfares and collector streets. When they are passable, work begins on side streets, and then moves to streets with limited intersections and cul-de-sacs until all streets are plowed. Please move cars off the streets to allow the plows to do their work.

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. If you have a sidewalk in front of your home, you are required to clear it within 48 hours after the snowfall stops, unless you have received a shoveling time waiver from the City.

We appreciate your patience during the storm as our crews conduct plowing operations. Learn more about how our crews prepare for snowstorms by watching our video at <https://youtu.be/RKpY6Ir1Aw8>.

## **Deadline Approaching for Those Wishing to Apply 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.

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**. City Council will interview each of the applicants after the deadline.

For more information, contact 301-809-3029 or [ahernandez@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ahernandez@cityofbowie.org). To determine if you live in District 3, please visit [www.cityofbowie.org/district3](http://www.cityofbowie.org/district3).

To date, seven residents have applied for the position.

### **Bowie Waives Water Bill Late Fees for Impacted Federal Workers**

Bowie is home to many federal workers. To assist those workers impacted by the partial government shutdown, the City of Bowie will waive late fees for those federal employees who are not able to pay their Bowie Water and Sewer bill on time. Please contact the City of Bowie Finance Office at 301-809-3016 for more information.

WSSC customers should be aware that WSSC is instituting a similar policy. Please contact them at 301-206-4001 for more information.

Prince George's County has compiled a list of agencies and organizations providing assistance during the Federal Government shutdown. It can be viewed at [www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3053/Federal-Government-Shutdown-Assistance](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3053/Federal-Government-Shutdown-Assistance).

### **Jobs**

**The City currently has the following job openings:**

- Maintenance worker – Part Time (open)
- Police Cadet (open)
- Ice Arena Attendant (open)

For more information or to apply, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/jobs](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobs) or call 240-544-5613.

### **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. We also invite you to share your thoughts and suggestions by completing a survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/bowie\\_trails\\_survey](http://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, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/trailsmasterplan](http://www.cityofbowie.org/trailsmasterplan).

### **Christmas Tree Recycling**

Christmas trees will be picked up with yard waste 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.

### **City Holiday – January 21**

City offices are closed on January 21, 2019 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. There will be no refuse or recycling service.

### **Finance Office Closed Monday Morning for Training – January 14**

The City's Finance Office will be closed between 10 a.m. and noon on Monday, January 14, 2019 for an important training class. No payments will be accepted during that time.

## **Calendar**

**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 (Karrington) 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.