



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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Leaf Collection Begins November 4

The City's leaf collection service begins November 4. 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. 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.

City Election Day - Tuesday, November 5

The City of Bowie will hold an election on **Tuesday, November 5, 2019** to elect members of the City Council consisting of a Mayor and six Councilmembers to hold office for a term of four years. Each registered voter may cast a total of four votes. All City voters may vote for Mayor and two at-large Councilmembers. Voters in each district may also vote for a district Councilmember.

The City is divided into four election districts. There are two polling places in each district. Voters must vote at the polling place assigned to their neighborhood. Polling places are different than those used for the general election. Voters will receive a postcard from the Prince George's County Board of Elections, indicating where they should vote in this City election. **Polls are open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.**

In accordance with Section 6-30 of the City Code, any qualified voter of the City may apply for an absentee voting ballot. Applications are available from the City Clerk's Office at City Hall or on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org/elections.

Be on the look out for a special election edition of the Bowie Spotlight mailed to all City households; it includes a sample ballot and other election details. For more information, contact the City Clerk at 301-809-3029 or ahernandez@cityofbowie.org or visit www.cityofbowie.org/elections.

City Council Meetings to Note

November 18 Special City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Swearing-in Ceremony for Incoming City Elected Officials

November 25 City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Bowie and Vicinity Area Master Plan

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

Green Bowie

Weed Warrior Workday November 2 at Whitmarsh Park. Join us at this Student Service Learning opportunity in the effort to free trees of the invasive English Ivy. Registration is free and open to the first 30 participants. Register: aamentrout@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044.

Second Annual Green Bowie Veterans Day 5K November 9 at 8 a.m. Join our 5K fun run and walk to honor the City's veterans. Our certified 5K course starts at Bowie Town Center, in the parking lot behind Five Guys. There will be an assortment of veteran and green resources, and family fun activities. Registration is free, open to all, and includes a t-shirt. Register at www.cityofbowie.org/5K. For more information, contact aamentrout@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044.

Green Tip of the Month This Thanksgiving, consider using reusable or compostable table settings, encourage family and friends to recycle, and use your dishwasher rather than hand washing dishes - you will save far more water this way.

November City Holidays

- **Veterans Day** Monday, November 11, 2019
- **Thanksgiving Day** Thursday, November 28, 2019
- **Day After Thanksgiving** Friday, November 29, 2019

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.

Amber Ridge and South Lake Public Hearings

Amber Ridge is a mixed-use community proposed on a 19-acre site located on the west side of southbound U.S. Route 301, south of Mitchellville Road. Preliminary Subdivision and Detailed Site Plans have been prepared.

South Lake is a mixed-used community, located in the southwestern quadrant of the U.S. Route 301/MD Route 214 (Central Avenue) interchange. It is in the Detailed Site Plan stage of development.

Public hearings for both of these projects will be held by the Bowie Advisory Planning Board (BAPB) on **November 12** at 7 p.m., and by the Bowie City Council on **December 2** at 8 p.m., at Bowie City Hall. For more information, contact the Planning Department at fstevens@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3053.

Family Literacy Night - November 21

Learn about the importance of reading to your child. Join Bowie Youth and Family Services for Family Literacy Night on Thursday, November 21, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. at Kenhill Center. Enjoy story time, fun activities, giveaways, a raffle and a guest speaker. This event is free but space is limited. To register, call 301-809-3033.

Bowie Youth and Family Services

offers counseling for all families in the City who have children in the home who are high school age or younger. Other services include outreach activities and a mentoring program for students at Bowie High School. Our staff members are licensed clinicians who each hold a graduate degree in a mental health specialty and who have years of training and experience in treating children, teens, and their families. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 301-809-3033.

Seasons of Change City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through 11/15. Free and open to the public. Next up, **Watercolors** opens 11/18.

A Christmas Carol 11/15 - 12/14 at the Bowie Playhouse. For ticket information: 301-832-4819 or www.2ndstarproductions.com.

Holiday Fine Arts & Crafts Market 11/23, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Senior Center. Juried show. Over 35 high quality vendors will present handmade and unique items. Come visit and checkout many local artisans offering jewelry, photography, paintings, home décor, pottery, fabric arts, wood crafts, stained glass, books, and cards. All are welcome!

For more information, contact Sally Hein at shein@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3014.

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

THE IMPACT OF WAR: A REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE
11/2, 1 p.m. Belair Mansion
Free Seating limited

FAIRY TALE FUN 11/12,
10 a.m. Belair Mansion Stories,
craft and refreshments for ages
2 - 8, with adult. Free

DAR LECTURE "YOUR NATIONAL GUARD, AT WORK FOR 383 YEARS"
11/12, 7:30 p.m. Belair Mansion
Free Seating limited

HOLIDAY WREATH MAKING
11/16, 12 - 3 p.m. Belair Man-
sion Ages 16 and older. \$30 per
person Seating limited Reser-
vations required

ADULTS 55+

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

**CITY ELECTION TRANSPOR-
TATION** 11/5, Call the Center by
11/1 to schedule a ride.

HONORING VETERANS 11/7,
12:30 p.m. Public welcome

**WELLNESS PRESENTATION:
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE**
11/21, 10:30 a.m.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR 12/6,
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Public welcome

**SENIOR CHORALE CON-
CERTS** 12/11, 12/12, 12/13
Public welcome. Tickets on sale
now. Contact the Senior Center
for details.

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

MORNING WALKING
Weekdays, 8:30 - 10 a.m.

SENIOR FIT Monday,
Wednesday and Friday, 9 -
10 a.m.

PICKLEBALL Tuesday and
Thursday, 10:30 a.m. -
12:30 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE FOR OUTGOING MAYOR ROBINSON

Sunday, November 17
Bowie City Hall
2 - 5 p.m.

Please join us in honoring **Mayor Roberson**, who is retiring after 29 years of service to the City of Bowie.

Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor G. Frederick Roberson
Mayor Pro Tem Henri Gardner
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