

Bowie News Flash

November 2019

News

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 at 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 is 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 from 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.**

Be on the lookout 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.

Need a Ride to the Polls?

Seniors and disabled individuals can arrange rides to the polls by calling the Bowie Senior Center Transportation Office at 301-809-2324. The deadline to schedule your ride is **Friday, November 1**.

View Video of October 15 Candidate Forum

The League of Women Voters hosted a Candidates Forum on October 15. A video of the event can be viewed on:

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6AJTaC9jI0>

City website

www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings

Bowie Channels

10 FIOS / 71 Comcast – Daily (except Wed. & Sat.) at 7 p.m. until Election Day

12 FIOS / 78 Comcast – Daily at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. until Election Day

City Council Meetings to Note

- **November 18** Special Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Swearing-in Ceremony for Incoming City Elected Officials
- **November 25** 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.

The Second Annual Green Bowie Veterans Day 5K is November 9

Join our 5K fun run and walk to honor the City's veterans on Saturday, November 9 at 8 a.m. The certified 5K course starts at Bowie Town Center. 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. Information: aarmentrout@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 above. There will be no refuse or recycling service on these dates; collection will resume on your next regularly scheduled day.

Amber Ridge and South Lake Public Hearings November 12 and December 2

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. The project includes a mix of 200 townhouses and retail/commercial development.

South Lake is a mixed-used community, located in the southwestern quadrant of the U.S. Route 301/MD Route 214 (Central Avenue) interchange. The Detailed Site Plan under review calls for 1,000+ residential units and other amenities.

Public hearings for 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.

Open House Reception for Outgoing Mayor Robinson on Sunday, November 17

Please join us in honoring Mayor Robinson, who is retiring after 29 years of service to the City of Bowie on Sunday, November 17, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Bowie City Hall. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Counseling Groups

Bowie Youth & Family Services (BYFS) offers counseling for all families in the City who have children in the home who are high school age or younger. 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, call 301-809-3033 or visit www.cityofbowie.org/byfs.

Family Literacy Night November 21

Learn about the importance of reading to your child. Join Bowie Youth & Family Services for Family Literacy Night on Thursday, **November 21, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.** at the 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.

Seasons of Change Exhibit

The City Hall Art Gallery exhibit runs through **November 15**. It is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are City Hall hours: Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Next up, *Water Colors* opens November 18.

Toys for Tots 2019 Collection Begins November 1

Make a difference this holiday season! The Bowie Police Department is accepting new unwrapped toys on behalf of Toys for Tots from November 1 through December 13. Drop off locations: City Hall, Police Department, Gymnasium, Ice Arena and Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Police Department at 240-544-5792 or COPS@cityofbowie.org.

Holiday Arts & Crafts Market is November 23

Find that special gift or decoration at the Bowie Holiday Arts & Crafts Market on Saturday, November 23, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bowie Senior Center. This is a juried show, with over 35 high quality vendors selling handmade and unique items. Come check out the many local artisans offering jewelry, photography, paintings, home décor,

pottery, fabric arts, woodcrafts, stained glass, books, and cards. All are welcome! For more information, contact Sally Hein at shein@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3014.

Tales of Belair at Bowie Film Showing November 24

After years of in-depth research and loving attention to detail, historian and filmmaker Jeff Krulik will screen the final version of his film *Tales of Belair at Bowie* at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. It is the documentary scrapbook of first-hand accounts about the early days of Levitt Bowie. Doors open at 1 p.m. The screening begins at 2 p.m. Free, no reservations needed. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

Volunteers Needed for City Board and Committee Vacancies

Volunteers are needed for several City boards and committees: Administrative Review Board, Arts Committee, Community Outreach Committee, Community Recreation Committee, Diversity Committee, Education Committee, Board of Elections, Environmental Advisory Committee, Ethics Commission, Green Team Executive Committee, and Information Technology Committee.

Information on the role of each committee and how to apply for membership can be found at www.cityofbowie.org/committees or by calling the City Clerk at 301-809-3029.

\$20 Compost Bins Available at City Hall

Purchase a \$20 compost bin at City Hall and start composting. City residents may purchase up to two bins per household. Payment can be made by cash or check at the Finance window during the City's business hours (Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and by check only at the reception desk during City Hall's night and Saturday hours (Monday thru Thursday until 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon). Learn more about composting at www.cityofbowie.org/compost.

Jobs

The City of Bowie is seeking applicants for the following positions:

- **Communications Specialist II** Police Department (open)
- **Police Officers** Entry level (open)

For more information or to apply, visit www.cityofbowie.org/jobs.

Tickets on Sale for Bowie Senior Chorale's *Ringin', Singin' & Drummin'* Concert

Don't miss the Chorale's fantastic annual December concert. Tickets are on sale beginning November 1 at the Senior Center.

Performances:

December 11, 4 p.m. at the Senior Center (\$3)

December 12, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center (\$3)

December 13, 7:30 p.m. at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts (\$8)

For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

Bowie Senior Village Project Update

If you are 50+ and live in the City of Bowie, your opinion is requested. The Maryland Umbrella Group has received a grant from the City of Bowie to conduct a Bowie Senior Village Needs Assessment from November 1 through November 22.

A senior village is:

- A non-profit membership organization
- Background checked volunteers providing
- Aging in place senior services
- Village member developed, organized and supported

A senior village is not:

- A City of Bowie program/service
- Senior Housing
- Assisted Living
- A Nursing Home
- A Home Health Agency

A Bowie Senior Village program may include the following services:

- Grocery shopping assistance
- Rides to doctor's appointments
- Friendly visitors
- Minor home repairs
- Social and educational events and more

Please complete the survey online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/BowieSeniorVillage or call the Maryland Umbrella Group at 301-968-7816 to complete the survey by phone. Paper surveys are available at City Hall, Senior Center, Kenhill Center, and at both libraries in Bowie.

Events

11/2 The Impact of War: A Regional Perspective 1 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Free. Seating limited. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

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11/6 Bowie Senior Village Focus Group Meeting 7 p.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

11/7 Honoring Veterans 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Veterans Day is a time to honor and show appreciation to those who have served our country. All veterans and members of the community are invited to join us for a special program sponsored by VFW Post 8065. Our guest speaker will be Jill Harris, location coordinator for Wreaths Across America. She will share the history about how this program began and how it has grown. The Bowie Senior Choraleers will perform several patriotic musical selections. Light refreshments will be served. This event is open to the public. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

11/9 Second Annual Green Bowie Veterans Day 5K begins at 8 a.m. at Bowie Town Center. This fun run and walk honors our veterans, promotes wellness in our community and encourages sustainable practices. For more information, visit www.cityofbowie.org/5K, call 301-809-3044, or email aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org.

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11/12 Fairy Tale Fun 10 - 11 a.m. at Belair Mansion. Make new friends while enjoying stories, snacks and a craft! Ages 2 - 8, with an adult. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

11/12 Fireside Chat: Beware of Financial Scams 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. As the holiday season approaches, financial scams will be on the rise. Come learn about these schemes so you won't become a victim. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

11/12 - 12/24 Happy Holidays Shopping at Belair 10 - 11 a.m. at Belair Mansion. There are teapots, travel wine glasses, holiday ornaments, local history books, unique jewelry, and much more! Find these one of a kind gifts and adorable stocking stuffers at the Belair Mansion Gift Shop. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

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11/12 DAR Lecture: *Your National Guard, At Work for 383 Years* 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Free. Seating limited. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

11/14 Coffee With a Cop 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Starbucks at Free State Shopping Center. Join the Bowie Police Department and our friends at Starbucks for *Coffee with a Cop*, which brings police officers and community members together, over coffee, to discuss issues and learn more about each other. There will be delicious coffee, light refreshments, and great conversation! Information: 240-544-5792 or 240-544-5700 or COPS@cityofbowie.org.

11/15 Bowie Senior Center National Accreditation Celebration 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. For the third consecutive time, the Bowie Senior Center has unanimously earned full accreditation by the National Council on Aging/National Institute of Senior Centers Board. Successfully achieving accreditation status takes the work of many people both in the Center and in the community. The five-year national accreditation status acknowledges that the Center demonstrates outstanding leadership and commitment to quality programs and services. This achievement is a source of pride for the City of Bowie and the Center, so everyone is welcome to join in the celebration. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

11/15 – 12/14 *A Christmas Carol* Weekends at the Bowie Playhouse. Tickets and information: www.2ndstarproductions.com or 301-832-4819.

11/16 Holiday Wreath Making 12 - 3 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Ages 16 and older. \$30 per person; seating limited. Reservations required. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

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11/19 Senior Hot Topics: Selecting a Care Community 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

11/21 Wellness Presentation: Alzheimer's Disease 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

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12/1 Trainspotting 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. On the busiest day of travel, watch the trains fly by carrying holiday travelers up and down the Northeast corridor. How many different trains can you see? There will be a special visit by Mr. and Mrs. Claus and much more! For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

12/1 Let the Season Begin at Belair! 12 - 6 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Celebrate the start of the holiday season. Tour the mansion decked out in all its finery, enjoy scrumptious goodies, and revel in live holiday music. No reservations needed. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

12/1 Holiday Tree Lighting at Belair 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Join us as we celebrate the holiday season with the annual tree lighting and a very merry visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.