



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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Greetings from the Mayor

Just over a month ago I was sworn in as Mayor of Bowie. My time since has been filled with learning the intricate inner workings of the city and getting to know the people that help make Bowie the beautiful place we call home. The employees of our city (many of which live within our borders) are constantly going above and beyond their duties to ensure the quality of life of our residents is in a perpetual state of improvement. I have had the honor of attending a number of community events that truly engage our residents, and leaves them with a positive memory or two. Experiences like these would not be possible without the due diligence of our dedicated city staff. As we maneuver through the holiday season I would like each of you to reflect on your natural born gifts and talents, and consider lending them to the service of our city. With us being 60,000 strong there is no goal that we can't set and achieve together. We are "one city, one Bowie" Happy Holidays, Mayor Tim Adams

Happy New Year Bowie!

May you and your loved ones be healthy, happy, and fulfilled in 2020. Not only is it a new year, there is also a new session of the Bowie City Council underway. We want to understand what is important to you about Bowie. What are the things that make you proud to be a Bowieite? What are the local issues that concern you? Where should the Council focus its attention and spending? It is critical to our continued success as an engaged and forward moving community that we get your input on these questions and on many other things. To that end, in early 2020 the City Council will hold a listening session in each of the four Council districts. The schedule is to the right.

2020 City Holidays

City offices will be closed on the dates listed below. There will be no refuse or recycling services on these dates; services will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.

New Year's Day*	Wednesday, January 1, 2020
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 20, 2020
Presidents' Day	Monday, February 17, 2020
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25, 2020
Independence Day	Friday, July 3, 2020
Labor Day	Monday, September 7, 2020
Veterans Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2020
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 26, 2020
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 27, 2020
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25, 2020

*Recycling will be collected on New Year's Day. See item at right.

City Council Meetings to Note

- **January 6** City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Budget Guidance for FY 2021, Pecan Ridge
- **January 21** City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Amber Ridge

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

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.

City property owners are responsible for removing snow and/or ice from the sidewalk adjacent to their property within 48 hours of cessation of a snowfall. The City provides additional time for people with considering factors such as age or physical disability, but you must submit a waiver application, found at www.cityofbowie.org/snowwaiver. Information: dmichelle@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3008

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, on an occasional or a regular basis. Residents may use this service to find teens who can help with **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. Complete the Teen Job Bank resident application at www.cityofbowie.org/jobbank, or call us at 301-809-3033.

Green Bowie

Lawmen & Lightbulbs Join the Bowie Police Department and the City's Sustainability Planner for another LED lightbulb exchange on **January 15**, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., at Starbucks Bowie Town Center. Bring up to five (5) Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFLs) and receive one **free** LED bulb, courtesy of Philips. Support your local police and environmental initiatives by letting us help you properly dispose of CFLs, which contain mercury and should not be put into the trash. Aside from these exchanges, you can bring CFL bulbs to Lowes, Home Depot, MOMs, or the County facility.

Green Citizen Award Nominate someone who does outstanding environmental work in the community to be Bowie's Green Citizen. Nominations accepted **January 1 - March 1**.

Information: aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044

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 9** at City Hall.

Apply for the Workforce Development Program

The City of Bowie is offering a free Workforce Development and Life Skills Training Program **March 10 - April 2**, for residents aged 15 - 25. The program will cover life skills topics such as effective communication, stress management, and decision-making, as well as highlighting careers in STEM industries such as cyber security, IT, and healthcare. Apply online **January 1 - February 14** at www.cityofbowie.org/worktraining. Public forums about the program are scheduled for **January 22** and **February 5** at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Information: worktraining@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3009.

Water Color City Hall Art Gallery exhibit. Show runs through 2/21/20. Free and open to the public. Meet the artists at a reception on 1/15/20 at 7 p.m.

For information, contact Lori Cunningham at lcunningham@cityofbowie.org or 240-544-5601.

2020 City Council Listening Sessions

JANUARY 15, 7 PM South Bowie Community Center, 1717 Pittsfield Lane

JANUARY 29, 7 PM City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road

FEBRUARY 13, 7 PM Huntington Community Center, 13022 8th Street

FEBRUARY 26, 7 PM Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive

ADULTS 55+

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

SAGE REGISTRATION BEGINS 1/10

MOVIE: "YESTERDAY" 1/10, 12 p.m.

TAP DANCE CLASS SHORT PROGRAM 1/13, 1 p.m.
Public welcome

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, 1/15, 12:30 p.m.

WINTER PREPAREDNESS 1/16, 12:30 p.m. Public welcome

NARFE INFORMATION FAIR 1/18, 9 - 11 a.m. Public welcome

STAYCATION - CRUISE THE TROPICS 1/24, 12:30 p.m.
Preregister \$5/\$6

ICE ARENA

3330 Northview Drive
301-809-3090

HOLIDAY PUBLIC SESSIONS
View calendar online at www.cityofbowie.org/icearena.

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.

COED RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL Friday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

MLK STUDENT ART CONTEST

For grades K - 12 Details at www.cityofbowie.org/MLK Entry deadline: **1/6/20**

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