



# BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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## 2020 General Election Mail-in Voting

The Prince George's County Board of Elections encourages everyone to vote by mail during the COVID-19 pandemic. Any registered voter may vote by mail-in ballot. You don't need a reason to vote in this manner. It's another way to vote if you don't want to or can't vote in person on Election Day or during the Early Voting period.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, every registered voter will be mailed a mail-in ballot application. This is different from the primary election in June when voters received their ballots by mail. For the General Election in November, you must apply to receive a mail-in ballot. The State Board of Elections expects to mail these applications to voters during the week of August 24, 2020.

You may also request a mail-in ballot application on the State Board of Elections' website at any time - <https://www.elections.maryland.gov>. All mail-in ballot requests must be received by the Board of Elections by **October 20, 2020**.

Finally, you may also complete a mail-in ballot application in person at the Prince George's County Board of Elections, 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, in Largo. Currently, the office is open to the public by appointment only; call **301-341-7300** to make an appointment.

Once you have received and completed your mail-in ballot, you must mail or hand deliver your ballot to a voting location, a ballot drop-off box, or the Prince George's County Board of Elections (at the above mentioned address). You cannot email or fax your voted mail-in ballot.

### Important Dates and Information:

- General Election: November 3, 2020, polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- General Election Early Voting: Monday, October 26, 2020 - Monday, November 2, 2020, polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- The City of Bowie Gymnasium will be a voting site for Early Voting and Election Day Voting.
- The full list of Election Day Vote Centers, Early Voting Sites and Drop-off Box locations will be shared as soon as the information is available.

For more information, visit <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/559/Board-of-Elections> or <https://www.elections.maryland.gov>.

## COVID-19 Testing

For a list of all COVID-19 testing sites in Maryland, visit <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/symptoms-testing>.

You may also call the Prince George's County Health Department testing line for information about County testing locations at **301-883-6627**.

## Mask Up Bowie!

On July 31, the Governor's mask order was expanded to require masks in the public spaces of all businesses and outdoor public areas where you can't maintain physical distancing. View the City's "Mask Up Bowie!" video at <https://youtu.be/tgPRU8iyRkg>.

## Covid-19 Contact Tracing

Tracing how the coronavirus is spreading in an area is an important tool in combatting a potential surge in positive cases. The contact tracing process involves identifying infected people, determining who they have been in close contact with while infectious, and asking people who are potentially infected to stay home until it is clear they are not sick. Please cooperate with contact tracing efforts by answering calls from **MD COVID** or **240-466-4888**. All personal information is completely confidential. For more information, please visit <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/contact-tracing>.

## City Phase Two Operating Status (subject to change)

- **City Hall** Open for water bills, picnic reservations, animal control, permits, and code enforcement.
- **Police Department** Lobby open.
- **Gym** Open to members.
- **Ice Arena** Open with restrictions.
- **Ballfields** Open only for small non-contact practices (permit required).
- **Tennis and Basketball Courts** Open.
- **Parks and Playgrounds** Open. Picnic areas available to reserve (50 person limit).
- **Farmer's Market** Open with restrictions.
- Historic properties, Kenhill Center, Bowie Playhouse and Senior Center **remain closed**.
- All City in-person events and camps are **canceled through October 31, 2020**.
- City Council and Committee meetings are conducted virtually.
- **Masks** are required indoors at all City Facilities.

For more information, visit the City's coronavirus page at [www.cityofbowie.org/corona](http://www.cityofbowie.org/corona).

## Apply for a Single Family Housing Grant

The Single Family Housing Rehabilitation Program is a federally funded grant program that provides financial assistance to single-family homeowners with limited financial means. The purpose of the grant is to provide energy efficiency related upgrades and repairs to correct hazardous conditions, repair or replace major systems, correct interior and exterior deficiencies, energy improvements, modifications for persons with disabilities and eliminate lead based paint hazards. To be eligible to participate, the applicant must be of low to moderate income and be the legal owner and full time resident of a property located within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Bowie. The maximum grant fund per household is \$10,000. Prior grant recipients within the previous ten years are ineligible to apply. This new program will provide energy audits and energy efficiency rehabilitation activities to all low to moderate income households, with a focus on seniors, veterans, disabled homeowners, emergency responders and teachers. Applicants must provide income and asset verification. Additional federal requirements apply. For information and an application, contact the City's Office of Grant Development and Administration at **301-809-3051** or [bowiehsg@cityofbowie.org](mailto:bowiehsg@cityofbowie.org) or visit [www.cityofbowie.org/rehabgrants](http://www.cityofbowie.org/rehabgrants).

## City Council Meetings to Note

- **September 8** City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Bowie and Vicinity Master Plan, City Staff Overview of City Development Review Guidelines and Policies and City Council Annexation Policy, Bowie Youth Council, Hall Station Annexation, Sears Property Redevelopment Basic Plan Amendment, Neighborhood Traffic Management, Mental Health Moments - Interfaith Events (COVID-19 Related)
- **September 21** City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. City Development Policies

City Council meetings are held virtually during this emergency. You may view them at [www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings](http://www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings) on FIOS Channel 10 or Comcast Channels 71 and 996 or Youtube @CityofBowieMD. Those wishing to submit comments for public hearings or the Citizen Participation portion of Regular Meetings may do so by emailing written testimony to [cityclerk@cityofbowie.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofbowie.org). Testimony must be received by 7 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Meeting agendas are posted at [www.cityofbowie.org/agenda](http://www.cityofbowie.org/agenda). For help, contact City Clerk Awilda Hernandez at **301-809-3029**.

**Labor Day** Monday, September 7, 2020 is a City Holiday. City offices are closed. There is no refuse or recycling collection this day. Collection will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.

## ADULTS 55+

Bowie Senior Center  
[www.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter](http://www.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter)  
301-809-2300

**The Senior Center is closed to the public.**

Staff is available Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., to answer questions and assist with referrals; call 301-809-2300.

## SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM

You may be eligible to receive seven frozen meal packs delivered to your home weekly. For information, contact the Prince George's County Department of Aging at 301-265-8475.

## BOWIE FOOD PANTRY

Provides food to needy residents of Bowie. New clients must show ID with proof of Prince George's County address. For more information, call 301-262-6765 or visit [www.bowiefoodpantry.org](http://www.bowiefoodpantry.org).

## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Volunteers provide assistance with grocery shopping and prescription pick up so seniors may stay home. Information: 240-544-5601 or [www.cityofbowie.org/nhn](http://www.cityofbowie.org/nhn)

## CITY GYM

Bowie Senior Center  
4100 Northview Drive  
301-809-2388

**Open to resident members.**

## ICE ARENA

3330 Northview Drive  
301-809-3090  
[www.cityofbowie.org/icearena](http://www.cityofbowie.org/icearena)

**Open with restrictions.**

## ALERT BOWIE

Sign up for Alert Bowie at [www.cityofbowie.org/alerts](http://www.cityofbowie.org/alerts) to receive information from the City of Bowie, including trash and recycling updates, weather alerts, employment, newsletters, crime alerts and COVID-19 updates.

## 2020 CENSUS

Complete the Census now. Door-to-door followup has begun.

# HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE CENSUS?



**LET'S DO IT, BOWIE**

Households can respond online at [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov) or call 844-330-2020.

## CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Tim Adams  
Mayor Pro Tem Adrian Bofo  
Michael P. Esteve  
Henri Gardner  
Ingrid Harrison  
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## CITY MANAGER

Alfred D. Lott  
301-809-3030

**BOWIE, HELP US STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19**

1



**WASH HANDS FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS**

2



**MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING**

3



**COVER YOUR SNEEZES**

4



**DISINFECT COMMUNAL SURFACES**

5



**WEAR A MASK WHEN LEAVING HOME**

6



**STAY HOME AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE**