

Bowie News Flash

September 2020

Labor Day

Monday, September 7, 2020 is a City Holiday. City offices are closed. There is no refuse or recycling collection on this day. Collection will resume on your next regularly scheduled day. Due to the holiday, the next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8.

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, mail in voting applications have been mailed to every registered voter. This is different from the primary election in June when registered voters automatically received their ballots by mail. For the General Election in November, **you must complete the application and return it to receive a mail-in ballot.** The State Board of Elections mailed 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 or call the Prince George's County Board of Elections to have one mailed to you. All mail-in ballot requests must be received at 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.

Ballots will be mailed out to those that have applied for them, beginning at the end of September. 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 completed 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; it will also have a Drop-off Box for completed Mail-in ballots.
- The full list of Election Day Vote Centers and Early Voting locations can be found at the Prince George's County Board of Elections website.

[Prince George's County Board of Elections](#) 301-341-7300
[Maryland Board of Elections](#) 410-269-2840

COVID-19 News

Prince George's County Remains at Stage 2 of Reopening

While some Maryland counties will be moving to Reopening Stage 3 today (9/4) at 5 p.m., Prince George's County officials have decided to postpone any changes in the current operating posture for at least a few weeks.

This means that for now the following facilities are still closed in Prince George's County:

- Indoor pools
- Senior Centers
- Indoor theaters
- Bars, nightclubs, and adult entertainment
- County government buildings

Gatherings are limited to one person/family unit per 200 square feet or a maximum of 50 people, whichever is lower.

COVID-19 Testing

For a list of all COVID-19 testing sites in Maryland, visit the state's COVID testing webpage at <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** or call **3-1-1** to reach the Prince George's County Information line.

The length of time it takes to receive your test results can vary greatly depending on where your test is done, and what kind of lab processes your test. In general, results are being returned faster from government labs than from private providers that may be sending their tests out of state to be processed.

COVID-19 Contact Tracing

Tracing how the coronavirus is spreading in an area is an important tool in combatting potential surges 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>.

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. We are pleased to see that most people out and about in Bowie are wearing masks. Please make sure that masks are worn properly, covering your mouth and nose. View the City's "Mask Up Bowie!" video at <https://youtu.be/tgPRU8iyRkg>.

Cloth face masks can be delivered to seniors in need; contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

Other COVID Resources:

- Maryland Department of Health Hotline: 410-767-6871
- Prince George's County Health Department COVID-19 Hotline: 301-883- 6627
- [Prince George's County COVID-19 dashboard](#)
- [Maryland COVID-19 dashboard](#)

City of Bowie 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
- City [Gym](#) open with restrictions
- [Ice Arena](#) open with restrictions
- Ballfields open only for small non-contact practices (permit required)
- Tennis courts open
- Parks and playgrounds open
- Some picnic areas in parks can be reserved.
- Farmer's Market open with restrictions
- Masks are required indoors at City facilities.
- All City in-person events and camps are **canceled through October 31, 2020**.
- City Council and committee meetings are being conducted virtually.
- Historic properties, Kenhill Center, Bowie Playhouse, and Senior Center remain closed.

For more information, visit the City's coronavirus page at www.cityofbowie.org/corona.

Even though the Senior Center is closed to the public, staff members are available Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., to answer questions and assist with referrals; call 301- 809-2300.

Senior Meals Nutrition Program

Homebound meals will continue to be delivered to those registered for the program. For information, contact the Prince George's County Department of Aging Senior Nutrition Program at 301-265-8475.

Food Giveaways

Food giveaways are taking place regularly in different parts of Prince George's County. If you are in immediate need of groceries, please call 311 to find out when the next event is scheduled.

You can also visit the Bowie Pantry (located behind the Kenhill Center) on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday mornings from 9 - 11 a.m. More information about the Pantry can be found at www.bowiefoodpantry.org.

Bowie Farmers' Market

A modified version of the Bowie Farmers' Market is open on Sunday mornings with special measures in place to enforce social distancing and to protect vendors and customers from the spread of COVID-19. The Market is held Sundays through October, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the parking lot at Bowie High School. **This year's Market is entirely drive-thru.** For information and a list of participating vendors, please visit www.cityofbowie.org/farmersmarket.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City has expanded the volunteer-based Neighbors Helping Neighbors program to offer free grocery and medication delivery for seniors (65+) and disabled residents of the City of Bowie. Those most vulnerable can stay home and allow volunteers to shop for groceries and deliver goods to their home. Seniors are only responsible for reimbursing the volunteer for the cost of the groceries. There is no delivery fee. Also, there is limited transportation available for important medical appointments.

If you are a City of Bowie senior or disabled person in need of assistance, please complete the NHN Senior or Disabled Application at www.cityofbowie.org/nhn. If you would like to volunteer to help seniors or disabled residents, please complete the NHN Volunteer Application at www.cityofbowie.org/nhn. If you have any questions or know of a senior that may benefit from this program, please contact Lori Cunningham at lcunningham@cityofbowie.org or 240-544-5601.

Helping Families Cope with the Pandemic

Counselors at **Bowie Youth & Family Services** are available to help families and individuals during this stressful time. Bowie Youth & Family Services serves individuals, families and groups in the Bowie community. We continue to offer counseling for all families in the City who have children in the home who are high school age or younger through our confidential online platform. We are also available to offer referrals and support by phone to all residents who are experiencing stress and who need assistance.

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 individuals and families. Please call **1-513-817-3158** for assistance, or to arrange for a tele-appointment. For more resources to help families cope with the pandemic, visit www.cityofbowie.org/corona, and select "Guidance for Parents".

Maryland Public Service Commission Bans Utility Shutoffs Until November 15

In order to help households still struggling from the effects of the pandemic, the Maryland Public Service Commission has issued a ruling banning all utility shutoffs in the State of Maryland until after November 15.

The Commission said:

- Utilities may not begin sending termination notices until October 1, 2020, 45 days in advance of a termination (current regulations require only a 14-day notice).
- Residential customers in arrears would have 45 days from receipt of a notice to work out a payment plan with their utility or to apply for energy assistance programs. Customers who take either action would not have service disconnected.
- Utilities must offer a minimum payment plan of 12 months (or 24 months for those customers receiving energy assistance from the state's Office of Home Energy Programs).
- Utilities cannot require a down payment or deposit as a condition of beginning a pay.

The Commission reminds utility customers facing service termination that programs are available to assist with bill payment and those who are facing termination have certain rights. Customers behind on their bills and who are facing a shutoff should first contact their utility to ask about extended payments plans, budget billing or other measures to avoid service termination.

Information on energy assistance programs can be found online at the following sites:

- [Maryland PSC website](#)
- [Office of Home Energy Programs in the Maryland Department of Human Service](#) or call 800-332-6347
- [Fuel Fund of Maryland](#) or call 410-235-9080
- [Maryland 211](#) call 2-1-1 or text My211MD to 898-211
- [Maryland Office of People's Counsel](#)

Resources for PGCPS Parents

The Prince George's County Public School System is offering a variety of resources to parents to help with distance learning:

- **Troubleshooting at Home**
The [Distance Learning portal](#) provides helpful information in one place. Your child's classroom teacher or school registrar can also help to resolve many common issues.
- **Distance Learning Hotline**
Parents can call **240-696-6229**, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for help with technical/equipment issues and/or instructional guidance and support.
- **Parent Support Centers**
Make an appointment to receive help with technology, navigating online platforms and other issues at one of nine Parent Support Centers across the county. Centers are open Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. [View locations.](#)

Back to School Will Bring New Challenges

Wherever your child will be learning this fall, this school year is sure to be like no other. Here are links to two articles that may provide some helpful tips for the student and for the parents and caregivers who will be coping with a new normal.

- [Tips for parents and caregivers during COVID-19](#) (from the Fairfax County website)
- [How to give kids a sense of routine and stability in a school year that is anything but normal](#) (Washington Post article)

Reminder: Childhood Immunizations Still Required for Students

Although Prince George's County Public Schools will be doing distance learning for the first semester, students must meet state immunization requirements. Maintaining overall health is an important aspect of combatting the pandemic. PGCPS will host free immunization clinics at multiple school sites to assist families with meeting immunization requirements. These services are offered in collaboration with the Prince George's County Health Department and the Maryland Partnership for Prevention.

Immunizations will be offered by appointment only in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines; masks will be required. Temperatures will be taken upon arrival. Dental services and flu shots will also be available. For details, visit the [PGCPS website](#).

COVID-19 Hourly Employee Relief Fund

Employ Prince George's (EPG) provides financial assistance to hourly workers who were making less than \$19 an hour before losing their job due to the pandemic. Assistance is in the form of a \$200 EPG Visa Cash Card. The Bowie City Council recently voted to make a \$20,000 donation to this fund. The next gift card giveaway in Bowie will be in late September, but you must apply now to be eligible. Learn more about this program and how to apply at www.employpg.org/covid19.

New Program to Help Prince George's County Small Businesses

Prince George's County is launching the Emerge Stronger program for County small businesses. Emerge Stronger was created to provide direct technical assistance, business operations, and financial management tools to help revamp businesses during the pandemic and beyond. The program is being done in partnership with Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation, FSC First, and the Bowie Business Innovation Center (BIC). Learn more at www.emergestrongerpgc.com.

Community Legal Services of Prince George's County Offers Services for Renters

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the Community Legal Services of Prince George's County is offering resources to help residents with questions about evictions during COVID-19. Resources include guidance related to what protections are currently in place and how residents may be impacted. Visit the Community Legal Services of Prince George's County [website](#) for more information.

All information provided here is subject to change. Visit the websites listed for the most up-to-date information.

Other City News & Virtual Events

#Bowie Speaks: A Community Chalk Art Project This Weekend (September 5 - 6)

Join your neighbors and create positive messages and images on your driveway promoting social justice and unity in the community. Post your driveway chalk art on social media with the hashtag **#BowieSpeaks** and tag the City of Bowie on Facebook and Instagram!

Please do not write on public property (streets or sidewalks); instead adorn your driveway with positive art to share with Bowie! For more information, please contact Lori Cunningham at lcunningham@cityofbowie.org. This project is organized by the City of Bowie Arts Committee.

Virtual Town Hall Meeting on Code Compliance – September 15, 7 p.m.

Bowie has regulations in place to ensure properties are being maintained in a safe and healthy manner. These regulations also help to keep our neighborhoods looking attractive, to protect the value of your property, and to instill a sense of pride in our community.

- Have you ever wondered how our Code Compliance Officers enforce these regulations?
- Would you like to know more about the standards you must maintain as a homeowner?
- Do you have questions about specific regulations?

We invite you to join us for *Code 101- Everything You Ever Want to Know About Bowie Code Compliance*. The virtual meeting will take place via Zoom on **Tuesday, September 15 at 7 p.m.** Register to participate at <https://bowie.fyi/Code>. Questions can be mailed in advance to publicinfo@cityofbowie.org or submitted during the meeting through Zoom.

City Council Meetings to Note

- **September 8** 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, Indoor Court Facility

City Council meetings are held virtually during this emergency. View them at 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. Testimony must be received by 7 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

Meeting agendas are posted at www.cityofbowie.org/agenda. For help, contact City Clerk Awilda Hernandez at 301-809-3029.

Sears Property Redevelopment – Video of Town Hall Meeting Available

At its meeting on September 8, the City Council will review a proposal by the owners of the Sears property to build up to 800 residential units, including multifamily and townhouses on the site. The redevelopment plan may also include restaurants, shops, a hotel, and/or offices. Learn more at www.cityofbowie.org/sears.

Earlier, Councilmembers held a town hall meeting on the proposal to share information about the project and gather input from the public. The virtual meeting was conducted via Zoom. If you missed it, you can view the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNhpJ5dZe5Y>.

2020 Census - Make Sure Bowie Counts

Federal law requires that every household complete the Census. The 10-year census helps to determine funding for schools, transportation, emergency response, and other vital services.

The Census deadline is **September 30, 2020**; which means there are less than 30 days left to respond. Currently, **83.3%** of Bowie households have completed the Census. In this time of COVID-19, the safest way to complete the Census is online or by phone or mail. The Census Bureau has begun to send enumerators to visit homes to complete the count in person – to avoid this visit, complete the Census online or by phone now at 844-330-2020.

We'd like to send a special shout out to the residents of Old Chapel Estates, Rockledge, Saddlebrook West, and Whitehall. Their census tract has the highest response rate in Bowie at 89.1%, among the very best in Maryland!

Thanks to everyone who is making sure Bowie counts! You can see how your neighborhood is doing at www.cityofbowie.org/census. Learn more at www.2020census.gov.

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 or visit www.cityofbowie.org/rehabgrants.

Community Outreach Grants

The City of Bowie offers Outreach Grants of up to \$5,000 each to support in facilitating programs which benefit Bowie residents in a variety of ways. Proposed programs must take place and serve residents within the incorporated limits of the City of Bowie.

Community Outreach Committee grants are awarded in areas of social services, youth, senior citizens, and mental health. Please note that this year, we are also highlighting projects that include a social justice component. Individuals, groups and/or organizations which provide

services that assist underserved residents of the incorporated City of Bowie are also encouraged to apply.

Due to the current pandemic, all applications must follow local, county and state COVID orders and provide a detailed overview as to how your project will be executed virtually. This year \$15,000 is available to be awarded to successful applicants through a competitive selection process.

Additional information and a grant application are available on the City of Bowie website at www.cityofbowie.org/cocgrants. The deadline for applying for a Community Outreach Grant this year is **October 9, 2020**. For additional information, please contact Lori Cunningham at lcunningham@cityofbowie.org or 301-832-7451.

Bowie Education Grants

The City of Bowie offers Education Grants of up to \$1,000 each to support educational activities for children in the City of Bowie. Proposed programs must take place in or in conjunction with an [eligible school](#). Participants can range from kindergarten through high school and all projects must be able to be executed virtually.

Programs can enhance learning experiences in academic areas or other important life skills, but all programs must be able to be executed virtually due to the pandemic. Below are some examples of the types projects the Education Committee has awarded grants to in the past:

- Projects that provide materials/resources that encourage youth to read and developing reading skills
- Projects that provide resources/materials for students that excite them about math and teach math skills
- Projects that provide materials/resources that explore the world of science
- Projects that are environmentally friendly such as rain barrels, butterfly gardens, and creating green space at the school
- Field trips that include class lessons and plans that follow and are approved by the Prince George's County Public School System's guidelines
- Arts projects that offer experiences in visual or performing arts, such as painting classes, drama workshops/clubs/, music/theater performances that are tied to the curriculum or provide arts enrichment.

This year \$15,000 is available to be awarded to successful applicants through a competitive selection process.

Additional information and a grant application is available on the City website at www.cityofbowie.org/edgrants. The deadline for applying for an Education Grant this year is **October 9, 2020**. For additional information, please contact Lori Cunningham at lcunningham@cityofbowie.org or 301-832-7451.

Volunteers Needed – Bowie Teen Mentoring Program

When you volunteer to mentor a Bowie High School student, you will spend one hour a week

building a positive relationship that has the potential to change the course of a teen’s high school experience, their life, and your community! For information, contact Program Coordinator Tia Younger at **513-817-3158** or mentor@cityofbowie.org.

Bowie Faces of Kindness Honorees

We are proud to feature the following residents of Bowie who have gone out of their way to help others during the pandemic.

	<p>Hannah Christiansen</p> <p>Hannah is a Bowie fourth-grader. When the pandemic hit, the need for masks was great, but they were difficult to find.</p> <p>“Hannah’s Masks” started as a project for Hannah and her brothers to work with their grandmother, to make masks for their family. As neighbors saw pictures of what they were making, they asked if they could buy the masks. Instead of taking payment, Hannah requested donations be made to the Bowie Food Pantry.</p> <p>Hannah and her Grandma take turns with the sewing, and Grandma does the cutting and pinning. They’ve enjoyed working on this great project together. They estimate they’ve raised over \$1,000 for the Bowie Food Pantry.</p>
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 A portrait of John Scoulios, a middle-aged man with short grey hair, wearing glasses and a mustache. He is dressed in a black tuxedo jacket, a white dress shirt, and a black bow tie. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.	<p>John Scoulios</p> <p>John Scoulios is the president of the Longleaf Homeowners Association.</p> <p>In partnership with the Longleaf community, John Scoulios has coordinated a monthly neighborhood food collection to support the Bowie Food Pantry during this health crisis. The collections total approximately 70 boxes of non-perishable food and some personal hygiene items.</p>
 A portrait of Pranitha Fielder, a young woman with long, dark hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a dark-colored top. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.	<p>Pranitha Fielder</p> <p>When the country was locked down due to the pandemic, Ms. Fielder sent a flyer around to her neighbors about a program she created called "Caring For One Another." to offer assistance with picking up groceries, supplies, or medication; help with technology; or just "to talk" and check in on anyone in the neighborhood.</p> <p>Wheeling a wagon, her family delivered bags with requested items along with snacks, tissues and fruit to neighbors on her street and beyond.</p>

	<p>Andrea Williamson</p> <p>Andrea Williamson has been volunteering to support front line workers.</p> <p>Andrea packed and delivered 150 Subway lunches to the Home of the Brave front line workers at the Bowie Health Center. All of the Bowie Health Center staff expressed their appreciation to Andrea for delivering these meals.</p> <p>As a member of the Ivy Community Charities of Prince George’s County, Inc. she is committed to helping those who risk their lives to save patients with COVID-19.</p>
	<p>Helen Rose Williams</p> <p>Ms. Williams is an 82-year old retired nurse. When the pandemic began, she wanted to volunteer at the hospital but realized she couldn’t because of some health problems of her own.</p> <p>At the time, masks were greatly needed across the community, so she decided to make masks. Many years ago, she was a seamstress in New York. Helen Rose Williams has sewn and donated nearly 1,000 masks, including 110 to the Neighbors Helping Neighbors program to provide masks to local seniors. Masks were also donated to her church, Prince George’s County, the veterinary hospital, the post office, family, and friends.</p>

Would you like to nominate someone for this recognition?

Whether it’s the neighbor making masks for seniors, the people delivering groceries to vulnerable residents, or the volunteers cooking and delivering meals to essential workers or neighbors who can’t leave their homes, we see the faces of kindness in our residents every day. The ***Bowie Faces of Kindness Award*** recognizes these everyday heroes who give us hope in these challenging times.

Honorees should live in the incorporated city limits of Bowie or have provided an act of kindness to our residents. Nominations should include the name, address, telephone number and email address of the individual(s) and a brief description (100 words or less) of their acts of kindness as

it relates to helping others during the COVID-19 crisis. Please complete the online form or you can mail your nomination to Bowie City Hall, Attention: Faces of Kindness, 15091 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Cunningham at lcunningham@cityofbowie.org or 240-544-5601.

Xfinity Office

Because some City facilities are still closed, so too is the Xfinity office at Kenhill Center. Customers may call 800-266-2278 or 800- 934-6489 for assistance. If you must drop off equipment or conduct other business in person, visit the Largo office at 10432 Campus Way South, Monday - Saturday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Join the Chorus of Residents Supporting a Trader Joe's in Bowie

The City Council believes that Trader Joe's would be an excellent addition to the grocery store offerings in Bowie. If you agree and would like to see Trader Joe's open their next store in Bowie, please visit our [link](#) and make sure Trader Joe's management knows what you are thinking.

Never been to a Trader Joe's? There is one located at 160F Jennifer Road in Annapolis Plaza next to Annapolis Mall. It is a small, upscale grocery store offering a variety of unusual healthy foods and products. For more information about economic development in the City of Bowie, contact John Henry King at 301-809-3042 or email jhking@cityofbowie.org.

Streetlight Outages

Help us to keep the lights on Bowie. Please report street light outages or other problems with streetlights to our Public Works Department. We depend on the public to let us know when there is a problem with a streetlight. Please do not assume that the problem has been reported.

You can report an outage at 301-809-2336 or visit our service request system to report the problem at www.cityofbowie.org/servicerequest.

Job Openings

The City of Bowie is hiring for the following positions:

- Entry Level Police Officer (open)
- Communications Specialist II – Police Department (open)

For more information, visit www.cityofbowie.org/jobs.

City Hydrant Flushing Begins September 28

The City of Bowie Public Works Department will begin the semi-annual fire hydrant flushing and testing program in areas served by City water. Hydrant flushing will begin on Monday, September 28, 2020 and will take place Monday through Friday from approximately 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in accordance with the following schedule:

September 28 & 29	Buckingham, Derbyshire, & Forest Drive
September 30 & October 1	Somerset & Bowie Forest
October 1 & 2	Tulip Grove
October 5 & 6	Foxhill & Long Ridge

October 7, 8 & 9	Kenilworth
October 12	Heather Hills
October 13, 14 & 15	Meadowbrook
October 16	Gradys Walk & Glenridge
October 19	Chapel Forge
October 20	Victoria Heights & Race Track Road Townhouses
October 21	Idlewild
October 22	Yorktown & Overbrook
October 23	Whitehall
October 26	Rockledge

Some discoloration of your water may occur. The water is safe for drinking and bathing even though it may be discolored. The discoloration is a result of rust and sediment build up in the water lines and is not harmful. The discoloration should clear in approximately 24 hours. However, since the water mains are all interconnected, flushing of hydrants in adjacent sections could affect your water as well.

Clothes washing is discouraged when flushing is occurring. If your clothes become discolored, keep them wet and re-wash them using a rust remover. Rust remover will be available, at no cost, from City Hall and Public Works offices. Information: csullivan@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-2339.