



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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Leaf Collection Begins November 2

The City of Bowie Curbside Vacuum Leaf Collection Program begins **November 2** and runs through mid-December. Every single-family home neighborhood will have two collections during that time. This year's program will be slightly different than past years in that neighborhoods will be scheduled during a **specific week and not on a specific date**. View the 2020 schedule at www.cityofbowie.org/leaves to see which two weeks your neighborhood will have leaf collection.

Due to limited availability of the equipment the city usually leases for this program, crews will be working longer hours on more days to get the job done. By assigning a pickup week rather than a pickup date, the crews can be more efficient with their time and will have more flexibility in how they move through the neighborhoods during each week.

Leaves should be raked to the curb (but not in the street), by 7 a.m. on Monday of your scheduled week. Each afternoon, the progress will be posted at www.cityofbowie.org/leaves. It will show each neighborhood scheduled for that week and whether it has been completed. Once the truck passes through your street, they will not return to it again that week. We appreciate your understanding as we adapt to another modification in service for this year. Please call the Public Works Department at **301-809-2344** if you have questions about the Curbside Leaf Collection Program.

Please note: If you prefer to bag your leaves, they will be picked up on Wednesdays with yard waste. Use paper yard waste bags (no plastic bags).

2020 General Election Information

- **General Election November 3, 2020**, polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Voters may vote at any of the 42 Voting Centers in Prince George's County, including the following local Voting Centers: Bowie Gymnasium, Bowie High School, Bowie State University, South Bowie Community Center and Glenn Dale Community Center
- **General Election Early Voting October 26 - November 2, 2020**, polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Vote at the Bowie Gymnasium or at any of the other ten early voting sites in the county.
- **Mail-in Voting** Complete your requested ballot, place it in the return envelope, sign the voter oath on the envelope, and seal the envelope. Return it to a secure ballot drop box, located throughout the County, by 8 p.m. on November 3, or via mail with a postmark on or before November 3. **Local Drop Box locations:** Bowie Gymnasium, Bowie High School, Bowie State University, South Bowie Community Center and Glenn Dale Community Center.

For More Information:

Prince George's County Board of Elections:

www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/559/Board-of-Elections or 301-341-7300

Maryland Board of Elections: www.elections.maryland.gov or 410-269-2840

City Council Meetings to Note

- **November 2** City Council Regular Meeting, 8 p.m. City Development Policies
- **November 16** City Council Regular Meeting, 8 p.m. Detailed Site Plan #DSP-99003-01 (EZ Storage)
- **November 21** City Council Worksession, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Council discussion on capital spending and prioritize recreational spending.

City Council meetings are held virtually during this pandemic. You may 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**.

Emergency Food Assistance

The City of Bowie will distribute emergency food aid to **City residents** in need, funded by a CARES Act grant. Recipients will receive nonperishable items, including ingredients for a selection of meals. Food will be distributed **11 a.m. - 2 p.m.** (or until all food is gone) at the following drive-thru events:

- **Saturday, October 31** at Bowie Town Center Parking Lot, behind Five Guys
- **Saturday, November 7** at Village Baptist Church, 1950 Mitchellville Road
- **Saturday, November 14** at Grace Lutheran Church, 2503 Belair Drive

Volunteers will load food into vehicles and staff will gather information from residents; residents will not exit the vehicles. Only residents that live within the municipal limits of the City of Bowie are eligible for this program. Residents will be required to provide identification and a piece of mail with a City of Bowie address to qualify for assistance. For information, contact Kay Starr at **301-809-3009**, email cobcares@cityofbowie.org, or visit www.cityofbowie.org/cobcares. Other food resources: www.cityofbowie.org/food.

Halloween 2020

The City of Bowie will follow the recommendations of the CDC and Prince George's County regarding Halloween. This means **we strongly recommend against traditional door-to-door trick or treating or trunk or treat events this year**. For safer alternatives for this year, visit www.cityofbowie.org/fallfun; read about our Costume and Scarecrow Making contests.

Bowie-Mitchellville and Vicinity Master Plan

Find out more about your community and the challenges facing its future growth. The virtual presentation of the Playbook of Strategies for the Bowie-Mitchellville and Vicinity Master Plan project has been set for **November 12 at 7 p.m.** Information: <https://www.mncppc.org/3390/BowiePlan>.

November City Holidays

- **Veterans Day** Wednesday, November 11, 2020
- **Thanksgiving Day** Thursday, November 26, 2020
- **Day After Thanksgiving** Friday, November 27, 2020

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.

Snow Removal Time Waiver

City property owners/residents 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. For more information, please contact the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 or codecompliance@cityofbowie.org.

ADULTS 55+

Bowie Senior Center
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.

ACTIVITY PACKET GIVEAWAY

November 9 & 10, 10 - 11 a.m.
Drive by and pick up a November activity packet.

VIRTUAL SUPPORT GROUPS AND CLASSES

See the Center's November Newsletter at the website listed above.

FREE DRIVE-UP FLU SHOT CLINICS

November 7 and 13
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Bowie Senior Center Parking Lot
Public welcome, ages 3 & older
Information: 301-809-2300

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388
Monday-Friday, 12 - 7:30 pm

The Gym is closed for voting through November 3.

The Gym will reopen on November 4, restricted to resident members with up to two guests. Members are encouraged to call ahead to reserve a time slot.

If you are a City of Bowie resident and would like to apply for a membership or renew your membership, please call **301-809-2388** to make an appointment.

Face masks are required at all times.

ICE ARENA

3330 Northview Drive
301-809-3090
www.cityofbowie.org/icearena

Open with restrictions. Capacity limits, masks and distancing required.

Learn to Skate classes for ages 6 and older begin October 29. For information, call or visit the Arena website.

The **monthly calendar** can be viewed online and prepaid reservations can be made. Rental skates and skating aides are available on a first come basis.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Donate new & unwrapped toys, **October 15 - December 10**, in the drop off boxes at the following locations: Bowie City Hall, Bowie Police Department and Bowie Gymnasium.

CITY COUNCIL

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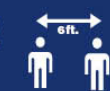
BOWIE, HELP US STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

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