



# BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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## Greetings from the Mayor

The holiday season is upon us and it's truly the perfect time to reflect and recognize what we as a community have experienced in 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic upended normalcy as we knew it, and impacted every facet of our daily lives. However, it's very important to recognize that it's through this unprecedented season that we have learned to further appreciate the beauty of our community and the strength of our amazing residents.

We saw community members galvanize to support those in need through the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program, and the coordination of various food efforts with the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry. The City provided resources to those who were misplaced or financially impacted due to the pandemic. Additionally, Town Halls were conducted to keep residents informed and forums were held for parents and families to provide coping strategies for these trying times.

In the midst of a pandemic and a stressful election, we continued to celebrate the amazing strides of our police officers, and we applauded our City employees and community leaders.

As a community of 60,000 strong, we can and will get through any challenges together. This holiday season I would like to thank each of you for your selfless contributions to our community and I hope everyone has a joyful and safe holiday – and always remember – we are ONE CITY, ONE BOWIE! Happy New Year! Tim Adams, Mayor

## 2021 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*	Friday, January 1, 2021
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 18, 2021
Presidents' Day	Monday, February 15, 2021
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31, 2021
Independence Day	Monday, July 5, 2021
Labor Day	Monday, September 6, 2021
Veterans Day	Thursday, November 11, 2021
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 25, 2021
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 26, 2021
Christmas Day	Friday, December 24, 2021

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

## City Council Meetings to Note

- **January 4** Regular City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Preliminary Plan of Subdivision #4-19050 Mill Branch Crossing, Budget Guidance for FY 2022, Auditor's Annual Presentation, Adoption of Ordinance O-8-20 Amending Chapter 5 "Building and Property Maintenance"
- **January 19** Regular City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. City Development Review Policies Public Hearing

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

## 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](http://www.cityofbowie.org/snowwaiver). Information: [dmichelle@cityofbowie.org](mailto:dmichelle@cityofbowie.org) or **301-809-3008**

Learn more about the City's snowplowing operations at [www.cityofbowie.org/snow](http://www.cityofbowie.org/snow).

## Mental Health Matters

Mental health concerns have been prevalent in our community as pressures on kids, teens and parents have increased. According to the Center for Disease Control, more than 40% of respondents in a recent study reported mental health symptoms related to the current pandemic. Teens and young adults, in particular, were found to be at increased risk.

Here are some signs of stress that may indicate a need for help: changes in mood, lack of interest in once-loved activities, changes in friendships, changes in eating and sleep patterns, less attention to personal hygiene, and alcohol or other drug abuse.

Please know that you are not alone. If you are concerned for yourself or a loved one, affordable and confidential help is available:

- City of Bowie Youth and Family Services, 1-513-817-3158
- Prince George's County Hotline, 301-864-7161
- Suicide Prevention Hotline, 1-800-SUICIDE
- Prince George's County Crisis Response Hotline, 301-429-2185

## Bowie Youth & Family Services Offers Counseling

Counselors at Bowie Youth & Family Services (BYFS) are available to help families and individuals during this stressful time. BYFS serves individuals, families and groups in the Bowie community. We continue to offer counseling and stress management groups for all families in the City who have children in the home who are high school age or younger through our new, 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. Call **1-513-817-3158** for assistance, or to arrange for an appointment. For more information, please visit [www.cityofbowie.org/youthservices](http://www.cityofbowie.org/youthservices).

## Odd Jobs Available for Youth at Teen Job Bank

Bowie Youth & Family Services sponsors a Teen Job Bank that connects residents who need help with Bowie youth who are looking for opportunities to make extra money, on either an occasional or a regular basis. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, jobs are currently limited to outdoor tasks, such as raking or snow shoveling. It is between the teen and the resident to determine the particulars of the job and the pay per hour. To sign up to work, please complete the appropriate application found at [www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms](http://www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms).

## ADULTS 55+

Bowie Senior Center  
14900 Health Center Drive  
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.

## WINTER WONDERLAND ACTIVITY PACKET GIVEAWAY

January 6, 10 a.m. Drive by and pick up an activity packet.

## ONLINE SAGE CLASSES

Registration begins January 8 using PGCC Owl Link. Choose from 100 classes that begin the week of February 8.

## ESTATE PLANNING 101

January 12, 10 a.m. Virtual presentation. Pre-register.

## ICE ARENA

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

Open with restrictions.

## CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive  
301-809-2388

The Gym is restricted to resident members with up to two guests. Members are encouraged to call ahead to reserve a time slot. Face masks are required at all times.

## MLK STUDENT ART CONTEST

The City of Bowie is hosting its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Contest to promote understanding about the lasting legacy of Dr. King. The theme for this year's contest is "Joining Hands for Justice"

For grades K - 12. Details at [www.cityofbowie.org/MLK](http://www.cityofbowie.org/MLK)  
Entry deadline, **January 4, 2021**.

## COMMUNITY SHREDDING AND STYROFOAM RECYCLING

Saturday, **January 23**, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the City of Bowie Public Works Department located at **16300 Annapolis Road**.

Residents may bring up to five full kitchen bags or five archive boxes for shredding; staples do not have to be removed.

Styrofoam must be free of debris (glue and tape).

Information: 301-809-2344

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