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COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Maryland is in Phase 1C of its vaccination plan, which now makes all Marylanders age 65+ eligible to receive the vaccine. The Maryland vaccination website, <http://covidvax.maryland.gov> provides a list of vaccination sites in the state. For now, because of limited supplies and operations are still ramping up, it may be challenging to find a vaccination location. The list of sites is growing daily as health departments add new sites and hospitals and a limited number of pharmacies begin to vaccinate the public.

All Prince George's County residents should immediately pre-register on the County vaccine site, no matter what phase of the vaccination plan you are in. When you are eligible for vaccination you will receive an email inviting you to schedule your appointment. The email contains a unique link to the County Health Department's vaccine appointment scheduling site.

Getting all Marylanders vaccinated is a monumental challenge. Currently, there are not enough vaccines, nor enough vaccination sites, to handle the demand. This will improve, but if you are eligible to be vaccinated now, we urge you to persist in your efforts to make an appointment. Explore all of the nearby locations listed on the State website, visit local hospital system sites to see when they might be offering vaccinations, and look for information about vaccinations at local pharmacies, such as the Bowie Giant at Free State Shopping Center. And, stay informed. The City sends out COVID updates each weekday via text and email. Sign up for Alert Bowie (www.cityofbowie.org/alerts) to receive it. Receive text messages from the State by texting "MDready" to 898-211.

Links to more vaccine information:

State of Maryland: <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine>

Prince George's County: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3730/COVID-19-Vaccination>
<https://covid19vaccination.princegeorgescountymd.gov/> (pre-registration site)

City of Bowie www.cityofbowie.org/vaccines

Retail pharmacy vaccination sites:

<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/maryland-retail-vaccination-sites>

City Council Meetings to Note

- February 1** Regular City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Urban Centrixity, Inc. will present information on their housing counseling programs for low to moderate income individuals and families.
- February 16** Regular City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Update on Environmental Initiatives, Mid-Year Budget Report, Police Department Update

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.

Workforce Development Program

The City of Bowie is offering residents a free online Workforce Development and Life Skills Training Program in April 2021 for adults and youth between the ages of 15 and 25. The online program will cover life skills topics such as effective communication, stress management, and decision-making, as well as highlighting careers in STEM industries. The application period opens on **February 1, 2021** and closes March 19, 2021. The application will be available online at www.cityofbowie.org/worktraining.

Online public forums about the program are scheduled for **February 10, 2021** and **February 24, 2021** at 7 p.m. on Zoom. A Link to the Zoom meeting will be posted on www.cityofbowie.org/worktraining.

For additional information, please contact worktraining@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3009.

Sustainability Webinar Series: Recycling & Plastic

Welcome to Part 1 of our new Sustainability Webinar Series! Part 1 will focus on the lifecycle of waste, focusing on recycling and single-use plastics. We invite you to join us on **February 17 at 3 p.m.** and learn the staggering numbers behind waste generated and the ins and outs of market demands for plastic. You must register for this live event, however, it will be recorded and available online afterwards. There will be time for Q&A and discussion.

Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_g_pQerYSHKkRNoa3sIHdQ

For more information, please contact aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org

#BowieSpeaks Community Conversations

The City of Bowie is hosting the second Community Conversation in the #BowieSpeaks social justice series. The next conversation is entitled, *The Role of Religious Organizations in the Quest for Social Justice*. The event will be held on **February 25** at 7 p.m. via Zoom and moderated by members of the Community Outreach and Diversity Committees and panelists from Faith Works, Temple Solel, United Parish of Bowie and Village Baptist Church. Attendees must register at <https://bowie.fyi/bowiespeaks>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email and Zoom link to join the webinar. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Cunningham at lcunningham@cityofbowie.org.

Learn More About the Bowie Master Plan Update

If you are interested in knowing what is being planned for our community's future, look for the complete "Playbook of Strategies" document, which will be posted soon on the M-NCPPC project website: <http://www.mncppc.org/3390/Bowie-Mitchellville-Master-Plan>. The Playbook of Strategies recommends a broad range of proposed strategies for three key sites: Old Town Bowie, Freestate Shopping Center/Bowie Marketplace on MD 450, and parcels along US 301 in Bowie Local Town Center, in addition to the corridors of US 301, MD 450, and MD 197. Be sure to let us know what you think by calling 301-809-3045 or emailing jmeinert@cityofbowie.org. The City's public review of the Preliminary Master Plan will take place this summer.

Art Committee Virtual Galleries

The City of Bowie Arts Committee celebrates local artists by sharing the artwork they curated. To view the Diversity, Unity and Inclusion Gallery, please visit <https://www.cityofbowie.org/2537/21382/Diversity-Unity-and-Inclusion-Virtual-Ga?activeLiveTab=widgets>.

Malcolm "Skip" Popp Award

The Community Outreach Committee is accepting nominations for the Malcolm "Skip" Popp Award. This award recognizes Scouts and/or Scout Leaders who have rendered "extraordinary and distinguished" community service within Scout organizations in the City of Bowie during calendar year 2020.

To be eligible for this award, Scouts or Scout Leaders must be affiliated with a Scouting group within the limits of the City of Bowie, and/or a Scouting group for which 50% or more of their youth members are City of Bowie residents. They must also be registered with the Boy Scouts of America or Girl Scouts, USA. Please see the nomination form for details regarding eligibility criteria and information required. The deadline is Friday, **March 19, 2021**. For more information, please contact Sharon Hunt at shunt1@verizon.net or 301-802-0714, or Lori Cunningham at lcunningham@cityofbowie.org.

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.

ONLINE SAGE CLASSES

Beginning February 8 via Zoom. Register now.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITY PACKET GIVEAWAY

February 9, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Drive by and pick up an activity packet.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

February 18 - March 25, 2 p.m. Register now.

ICE ARENA

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

Open with restrictions.

Learn to Skate classes for ages 6 and older begin **February 4**. Register by February 2 (in person or via phone).

Open for public skating, pick up figure skating, stick and puck. Due to capacity limits, please call ahead to make reservations.

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388
Hours: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday - Friday

The Gym is restricted to resident members with up to two guests. Face masks are required at all times.

Walking: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Drop-in Pickleball and volleyball: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Contest Winners

On Saturday, January 16, 2021, nine local students were named as winners in the City of Bowie Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Contest. The announcement came during a short program that was held virtually, honoring Dr. King. This year's theme was "Hand for Justice". Each of the contest finalists were also recognized during the ceremony. The work of all the finalists and a list of the winners may be viewed at www.cityofbowie.org/mlk.

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