



# BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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## COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Individuals in Phase 1A, 1B and 1C are eligible to be vaccinated now, however vaccine supplies remain very limited. The Maryland vaccination website, <http://covidvax.maryland.gov> provides links to all of the vaccination sites in the State. The registration and distribution process is a very decentralized one. Retail pharmacies, hospital systems, the State mass vaccination sites, and local health departments each have their own appointment scheduling process. Until vaccines are more widely available, it makes sense to explore all of these options when trying to schedule an appointment.

Receive updates from the State of Maryland about vaccine appointments at Six Flags and other mass vaccination sites by texting **"MDready" to 898-211**. Maryland's new COVID-19 Vaccination Support Center is now available at **1-855-MDGOVAX (1-855-634-6829)** to help those without internet access schedule appointments. Hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

Prince George's County urges all residents to pre-register for a vaccination on its website (see link below). Pre-registration adds you to the waiting list to receive your vaccine through the County Health Department. It does not pre-register you for a vaccine at pharmacy or hospital locations. All Prince George's County residents should pre-register on the County vaccine site (below), no matter what phase of the vaccination plan you are in. When you are eligible for vaccination and supplies allow, you will receive an email inviting you to schedule your appointment at a Health Department location in the County. Health Department appointments are currently being scheduled for those in Phase 1A and 1B. They hope to begin scheduling 1C appointments in the next few weeks. Pre-registration help is available for seniors or others who need help; call **3-1-1**.

Please persist in your efforts to make an appointment. And stay informed. The City sends out COVID updates each weekday via text and email. Sign up for Alert Bowie ([www.cityofbowie.org/alerts](http://www.cityofbowie.org/alerts)) to receive it. Links to vaccine information may be found below:

**State of Maryland:** <http://covidvax.maryland.gov>

**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](http://www.cityofbowie.org/vaccines)

## City Council Meetings to Note

- March 1** Regular City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Proposed Jesuit Property Retreat Center Legislation, Public Health Officer, Economic Development Strategy
- March 15** Regular City Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Housing and Development CARES Act

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**.

## Hall of Honor Accepting Nominations

In 1991, the Hall of Honor was created to recognize those citizens of Bowie who made "major and lasting contributions" to the City. In order to be nominated to the Hall of Honor, a nominee must be deceased for at least one year as of the nomination deadline, have made both a major and lasting contribution to the City of Bowie, and have been a resident of the City of Bowie, either during the time of his/her contribution or at the time of death.

Once a nomination is received, it is reviewed by the City's Community Outreach Committee. The committee recommendation is then forwarded to City Council for final approval. Following approval, the honoree's name is added to the Wall of Honor at City Hall and a reception is held in memory of that person and their contributions to Bowie. The nomination deadline is **Monday, March 8, 2021**. For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).

## 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](mailto:shunt1@verizon.net) or 301-802-0714, or Lori Cunningham at [lcunningham@cityofbowie.org](mailto:lcunningham@cityofbowie.org).

## 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 closes **March 19, 2021**. The application is available online at [www.cityofbowie.org/worktraining](http://www.cityofbowie.org/worktraining). For additional information, please contact [worktraining@cityofbowie.org](mailto:worktraining@cityofbowie.org) or **301-809-3009**.

## Spring Crafts for Kids

Hop into spring with the City's Spring Crafts for Kids. Join us on **March 20 at 9 a.m.** on FIOS 10, Xfinity 71 or 996, at [www.cityofbowie.org/viewevents](http://www.cityofbowie.org/viewevents) or YouTube @cityofbowieMD. Enjoy a reading of Jan Brett's "Town Mouse Country Mouse", then create three spring crafts (pick up free craft kits starting March 8 at City Hall, Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., while supplies last). The video will remain available for viewing on the City's website ([www.cityofbowie.org/springcrafts](http://www.cityofbowie.org/springcrafts)) and on YouTube; craft instructions and patterns will also be available on the website.

## New Rental License Requirements

The City Council passed an amendment to the City Code on January 4, 2021 removing the exemptions from the rental license requirements. All rental situations now require the property to have a valid City of Bowie rental license and inspection. This includes rentals where the owner or a family member live at the property, basement or partial rental and short-term rentals like Airbnb®, VRBO® or Home Away®. The annual license costs \$110 and a satisfactory inspection is a condition of the license and renewal. For information, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/rentalhousing](http://www.cityofbowie.org/rentalhousing) or call **301-809-3008**.

## Dogs Running Loose

A loose dog in the neighborhood may be harmful to others or become injured. Dogs running loose in the City of Bowie is a violation of the City Code Chapter 4, Section 4-6, paragraph (a). If this is a problem in your neighborhood, you may notify the dog's owner, if known, or contact Bowie Animal Control at **301-809-3002** and request that an Animal Control Officer respond (note the dogs description, address if available and last known direction of travel). Animal Control will take appropriate enforcement action.

## 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.

## MARCH ACTIVITY PACKET DRIVE-THRU

March 10, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Puzzles, games and crafts.

## HERB GARDENING

Videos on how to plant, propagate, prune, and harvest herbs. Contact the Center for details.

## SPRING CHORALE CABARET

Be a performer! Contact the Center for details.

## ICE ARENA

3330 Northview Drive  
301-809-3090

[www.cityofbowie.org/icearena](http://www.cityofbowie.org/icearena)

Open with restrictions.

New series of group lessons will begin March 11 for ages 3 and older. Space is limited. Registration can be made over the phone or in person.

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

[www.cityofbowie.org/gym](http://www.cityofbowie.org/gym)

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.

## 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.

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