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Get Vaccinated in Bowie - Easy and Close to Home

The City of Bowie and Safeway have teamed up to offer vaccinations at the Bowie Senior Center. If you are age 16 and up and a resident of Prince George's County, you are eligible to get vaccinated at the Bowie Senior Center.

Sign up now at www.cityofbowie.org/vax and you'll get a call back within a couple of days (usually sooner) to schedule your appointment. Don't have access to the internet? Call **301-262-6200** for assistance.

Bowie's Field of Honor

The City is planning an inspiring display of United States flags which will fly in a solemn formation at Sussex Lane Park from 7 p.m., Friday, May 28 (Memorial Day weekend) through Sunday, June 6, 2021.

This stirring display of 150 or more flags will bring the community together in a patriotic tribute to honor fellow Americans who have lost their lives in service to our country, from terrorist attacks and from the COVID pandemic. The display will also honor active duty and retired military who have served our country and first responders who have risked their lives to save others. Flags can be purchased and dedicated in honor of loved ones for \$30 each. Beginning Tuesday, June 8, dedicated flags can be picked up at City Hall, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Depending on COVID restrictions, either a virtual or in-person program will launch the commemorative week at 7 p.m., Friday, May 28. We invite you to walk among the field of flags during the week they are on display and remember those that have gone before us as we honor our shared legacy of service, freedom and equality for all Americans. For more information, please visit www.cityofbowie.org/FieldofHonor.

Virtual Spring Plant Sale on Now!

The annual spring plant sale, co-sponsored by the City of Bowie and hosted by the Bowie-Crofton Garden Club, is virtual this year. From now until May 7, 2021 you may order plants online and enter for a chance to win the Cicada Survival Kit in the raffle. Pickups will be on May 16th at the Bowie Library on Annapolis Road.

For information and to place an order, visit www.bcgardenclub.org/plantsale.

Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Part of the month, **May 2 - 8, is Children's Mental Health Awareness Week**, when we recognize and focus on the specific needs of our children. Mental health support is more important than ever during this vulnerable time for everyone, and not least for children, teens, and their families.

Bowie Youth & Family Services is joining efforts with the Prince George's County group, *Children's Mental Health Matters!*, to recognize the importance of mental health services for all our County's youth. We invite all local youth and their families to participate in our **Sidewalk Chalk Art Project**. Participants are encouraged to create artwork on their driveways or other spaces. Artwork can depict mental health-related messages, or can express anything which makes you feel happy, healthy, and/or hopeful.

If you send us a picture, your creation will be featured on our website and social media posts. We are offering a limited supply of chalk that can be provided through contactless curbside pickup; please call **513-817-3158** or email rsimon@cityofbowie.org to schedule a pickup.

City Council Meetings to Note

The City Council's review of the Proposed FY20 Budget and Capital Improvements Program concludes in May. This Budget takes effect **July 1, 2021**.

- **May 3** Budget, CIP and Constant Yield Tax Rate Public Hearing, Detailed Site Plan #DSP-21002 - South Lake Multi-Family Residential, Detailed Site Plan #DSP-19021 - South Lake Retail/Commercial
- **May 10** Budget Worksession #5 - Planning and Community Development, Information Technology, Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Fund, General Fund Summaries and Appendix (including the Plan of Compensation), Wrap-up
- **May 17** Adoption of Budget and Capital Improvements Program

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**.

Young Adults 16-24 Virtual Job Fair May 6

The City is hosting a virtual employment fair for young adults, ages 16-24, on Thursday, **May 6**, from 6 - 8 p.m. on Zoom. The goal of the fair is to connect local employers with young adults who are looking for both seasonal and year-round positions. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information, visit www.cityofbowie.org/jobfair or email Rhonda Simon at rsimon@cityofbowie.org.

Apply to be a Bowie Youth Council Advisor

Are you interested in serving on a City committee? Would you like to mentor students and help them have a voice in City affairs? If so, apply to be a Bowie Youth Council Advisor today! Two volunteer adult advisors are being recruited to help guide students serving on the newly created Bowie Youth Council.

The Council begins in July and will consist of 11 City of Bowie students, grades 6 - 12, who will have the opportunity to learn about local government, influence policy, provide positive leadership and service, and engage the community. If you are interested in serving, visit www.cityofbowie.org/youthcouncil to learn more and fill out the Advisor application; **application deadline is May 14**.

Farmers' Market Opens May 16

The Market will be open 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road), each Sunday, May 16 through October 31. A variety of vendors offer fresh, locally grown produce, fruit, plants, breads, pastries, jams and jellies, eggs, beef, pork and poultry. For information, contact Matt Corley at **301-809-3078** or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Beautification Awards Program

The City of Bowie is now accepting applications for this year's Beautification Awards Program. The program recognizes the outstanding yards and gardens of homes, business and schools. The program is free and you can nominate anyone located within the municipal limits of the City of Bowie. For information, contact Matt Corley at **301-809-3078** or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Bowie and Vicinity Master Plan Update

This County Planning Department project has been underway for over a year, and there is a wealth of information out there about the Bowie area. To see what's been compiled thus far, go to the following webpage (sponsored by M-NCPPC), and look under "Documents": <https://bowievicinity.konveio.com/> Questions? Contact the City's Planning Director at **301-809-3045**.

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP 5/21, 7 - 9 p.m. Belair Mansion Join instructor Amy Wise as she teaches us how to make a festive grapevine wreath. Reservations required. \$25/person. Space very limited. Social distancing & masks required.

FAIRY TALE FUN 5/26, 11 a.m. Belair Mansion lawn. Stories and craft for ages 2 - 8, with adult. Bring a blanket, towel or chair to sit upon. Free. Reservations required; call 301-809-3089. Space very limited. Social distancing & masks required. Arrive early for health screening and signing of waiver. Canceled for inclement weather.

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.

REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CLASSES 100 SAGE classes via Zoom. Request a schedule at SAGE@pgcc.edu

MAY ACTIVITY PACKET DRIVE-THRU May 4, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Puzzles, exercises, creative ideas.

1950 RETRO ICE CREAM DRIVE-THRU May 13, 1-2 p.m. Soda jerks will serve up a cool treat! Pre-register.

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388
Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Open to resident members with up to 2 guests for non-contact activities. Face masks required at all times.

Advanced registration for basketball sessions is highly recommended. Please call the Gymnasium at 301-809-2388.

ICE ARENA

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

The Ice Arena will close for maintenance **May 1** and will re-open for summer skating in **July**.

Memorial Day Holiday

City offices are closed on Monday, **May 31, 2021**. There will be no refuse or recycling service on this date.

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