



BOWIE SPOTLIGHT

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Bowie Vaccine Clinic Serving All Aged 12 and Up

The City of Bowie's COVID vaccination clinic at the Bowie Senior Center is quick and convenient. Those aged 12 and older may now be vaccinated. Appointments are now being scheduled on Sundays and Wednesdays. Depending on the number of booked appointments, cancellations and no-shows, walk-in appointments are sometimes available. Please make sure to sign up for Alert Bowie or follow the City of Bowie on social media to receive the latest information on walk-in vaccination availability. To make an appointment, call **301-262-6200** or sign up at www.cityofbowie.org/vax.

Field of Honor Dedicated to Heroes and Helpers

Bowie's Field of Honor debuts on **Friday, May 28** at Sussex Lane Park and will remain on display until June 6. The park will be filled with United States flags dedicated in honor of veterans, active military, professions that have helped during the pandemic, other helpers, and loved ones lost.

Please join us at **7 p.m. on Friday, May 28** at Sussex Lane Park as the City launches the commemorative week. We invite you to walk among the field of flags 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 or to purchase a flag to dedicate to a loved one, please visit www.cityofbowie.org/FieldofHonor.

**Sussex Lane Park is the open area between Sussex Lane and Annapolis Road, located across from Bowie High School.*

City of Bowie Reopenings

The City of Bowie is implementing changes, as a result of Prince George's County lifting all capacity and social distancing restrictions on May 17. Changes concerning the **City Gym, Parks and Fields** are noted in the column to the right.

After a very long hiatus, the **Bowie Senior Center** will reopen for limited services on June 1. Hours will be Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Activities are limited to the fitness room and the billiard room and will be by appointment only. Transportation to medical appointments is also resuming. Participants will be required to wear a face mask, social distance, and practice safe hygiene while in the center or when using center transportation. Please call the center at **301-809-2300** and a staff member will be glad to assist you in scheduling your appointment to use the facilities or to arrange transportation for a medical visit.

City Hall will remain closed, however the service windows in the lobby will be open for animal control, code enforcement, rental licenses, and water bill payments. The Police Department lobby will also be open for obtaining police reports, paying speed cameras, and conducting other police department business.

**Temperature, health screening questions, waivers and masks are required for inside venues.*

Juneteenth

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. It is an annual recognition of the historic day, June 19, 1865, that the enslaved in Texas learned of their freedom, although the Emancipation Proclamation actually granted freedom two and a half years earlier. Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas with the news that 250,000 enslaved people were free. Over the years, Juneteenth commemorations were established across the country and have grown into jubilant celebrations of achievement, community and heritage in the Black community. For more information or to learn what Bowie is doing to recognize the date, please visit www.cityofbowie.org/Juneteenth.

City Council Meetings to Note

- **June 7** Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Bowie BIC Update
- **June 21** Council Meeting, 8 p.m. Legislative Session Wrap Up, SB 508/HB 584 Public Utilities - Net Energy Metering bills briefing

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**.

Law Enforcement Torch Run - June 9

The Bowie Police Department Special Olympics Torch Run registration is now open! Join the Run **June 9, 2021**, as the Flame of Hope is carried through Bowie. All proceeds directly support Special Olympics Maryland! To register, visit www.cityofbowie.org/torchrun. Entry fee is \$15 and includes a T-shirt.

On June 9, registration/check-in opens at 9 a.m. and the run starts at 10 a.m. at Bowie Plaza, 6800 Laurel Bowie Road. Join in and help raise awareness and funds for the athletes of Special Olympics Maryland. For more information, contact the Bowie Police Department at **240-544-5700**.

Farmers' Market is Open

The Market is 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 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. The deadline for nominations is **Friday, June 25, 2021**. Information: **301-809-3078** or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Paper Shredding & Styrofoam Recycling - June 26

The next paper shredding and Styrofoam recycling event takes place Saturday, **June 26**, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Public Works Solid Waste/Recycling parking lot, located at 16500 Annapolis Road.

Residents can bring up to five tall kitchen bags or five archive boxes for shredding. (No need to remove paperclips or staples.) This event is first come, first served. If the three (3) trucks are filled, the event may end before 2 p.m. Documents may be observed while they are being shredded. Styrofoam must be free of any debris (glue or tape). Information: **301-809-2339** or csullivan@cityofbowie.org.

De-Fossilize Your Homestead, Inside and Out

This sustainability webinar (#3 in the series) will take place on **June 30** (time TBD and links forthcoming) and will educate residents on ways to achieve energy independence for the home and reduce your usage of fossil fuels for everyday activities both inside and outside of the home. For more information, contact adiaz@cityofbowie.org or visit www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie.

Street Sweeping

City streets are cleaned regularly during the non-winter months. For more information and the schedule, please visit www.cityofbowie.org/sweep.

MUSEUMS

301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

KIDS KABOOSE 6/18, 10:30 a.m. Bowie Railroad Museum Ages 5 - 10, with adult. Bring blanket, towel or chair to sit on. Reservations required Free

WINE AND DESIGN PATRIOTIC DECO-MESH WREATH 6/18, 7 - 9 p.m. Belair Mansion \$25/person Space limited Reservations required

FAIRY TALE FUN 6/30, 11 a.m. Belair Stable Stories and craft. Ages 2 - 8, with adult. Bring blanket, towel or chair to sit on. Reservations required Free

COVID-19 guidelines observed at all events.

ADULTS 55+

Bowie Senior Center
14900 Health Center Drive
301-809-2300

Open for limited service, by appointment only.

Hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Hours, services, and programs will expand as we gradually move forward in the reopening process.

CITY GYM

4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

Full practices and competitions can resume at the Bowie Gymnasium.

Temperature checks, health screening, waivers and masks required.

CITY PARKS & FIELDS

Full practices and competitions can resume on City fields. Outdoor basketball hoops have returned to City parks. Picnic areas at Allen Pond and Whitemarsh Park can be booked to their full capacity.

ICE ARENA

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

The Ice Arena is closed for maintenance and will re-open for summer skating in **July**.

Register now for summer lessons and camps. More information is available at www.cityofbowie.org/icearena.

Memorial Day Holiday

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

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