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### **City of Bowie Closes Offices and Facilities for Juneteenth**

In light of today's decisions by President Biden and Governor Hogan to close their respective governments in observance of Juneteenth, the Bowie City Council has decided to follow suit and make Friday, June 18 a city holiday.

All city government facilities will be closed on the holiday. However, due to the lateness of the announcement, trash and recycling collection **will take place** on the holiday, per the normal schedule.

"Juneteenth reminds us that we still have a long way to go; that we still have to fight for equity and inclusion for black people across the world." Mayor Tim Adams stated in the City of Bowie's [Juneteenth Proclamation](#), "But, it tells us that there is progress and there is hope. That we as a city are moving forward and trying to make sure that we make our community better for all people, including those of color."

Learn more about Juneteenth at [www.cityofbowie.org/Juneteenth](http://www.cityofbowie.org/Juneteenth).

Other Juneteenth videos from the City of Bowie:

- [The History of Juneteenth](#) (Councilmember Roxy Ndebumadu)
- Juneteenth Read Aloud - "[Juneteenth Jamboree](#)" (Councilmember Ingrid Harrison)

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, when enslaved people in Texas learned of their freedom, although the Emancipation Proclamation actually granted freedom two and a half years earlier. 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.

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