



BOWIE BRIEF

Your Weekly Update
Thursday, September 30, 2021

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- Entertainment on two stages
- Food from the far reaches of Asia to right here in our own backyard
- Children’s activities with a "passport" to earn a prize
- Vendors selling crafts, clothing, jewelry, and other offerings from around the world

For more information, visit our [International Festival page](#) and take a look at the event [brochure](#).



(Click on the image to view on YouTube)

Free Shredding and Styrofoam Recycling Event – October 9

The City’s next community shredding and Styrofoam recycling event is scheduled for Saturday, October 9 at the Public Works Department, located at 16500 Annapolis Road. Residents are invited to bring up to five kitchen-size trash bags or five boxes of documents to be shredded. Three shred trucks are provided at this event. The event runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. but may end earlier if the trucks are filled.

Purple Bike Ride

The Bowie Police Department and the State’s Attorney’s Office are hosting a Purple Bike Ride in awareness and prevention of domestic violence. The ride begins at 8 a.m. on October 9 and takes place at Allen Pond Park (3330 Northview Drive, Bowie) This event is FREE. Experienced cyclists are encouraged to participate. To register, visit www.bikereg.com/pgsao-purple-bike-ride. For more information, please contact maashe@co.pg.md.us.

Food Distribution Events around the County

Through the County’s Stand Up & Deliver program, groceries will be distributed to those in need, at the following locations:

Friday, October 1 at 12:30 p.m.

- Faith Temple No. 2 Free Will Baptist Church – 211 Maryland Park Drive, Capitol Heights

Saturday, October 2 at 10 a.m.

- New Home Baptist Church – 8320 Landover Road, Landover
- Ebenezer Church of God – 7550 Buchanan Street, Landover Hills,
- Love A.M.E. Church at Capitol Heights Elementary School – 601 Suffolk Avenue, Capitol Heights

Sunday, October 3 at 10 a.m.

- Community of Hope AME Church – 3701 Branch Avenue, Temple Hills

Job Openings

The City of Bowie is currently seeking candidates for the following positions:

Close 10/1/21

- [Gymnasium Supervisor](#) (Part-time) – Gymnasium
- [Gymnasium Attendant](#) (Part-time) – Gymnasium
- [Bus Driver](#) (Part-time) – Senior Center
- [Receptionist](#) (Part-time) – Senior Center

Close 10/8/21

- [Community Coordinator](#) - Youth Services Bureau

Open until filled

- [Entry Level Police Officer](#) – Police Dept.
- [Communications Specialist II](#) – Police Dept.
- [Project Manager](#) – Public Works Department

Visit www.cityofbowie.org/jobs for details or to apply.

Education Grant Applications Due October 4

The City of Bowie Education Committee awards grants that support education for Bowie children. This year \$15,000 is available to be awarded to successful applicants through a competitive selection process. Grants in amounts ranging from \$100-\$1,000 are awarded to teachers, parent groups, and other interested individuals from eligible community schools who have new and creative ideas for projects and programs that will enrich the students' learning experiences. Be sure to get your [application](#) in before the deadline of October 4, 2021, at 5 p.m.

Farmers' Market

The Bowie Farmers' Market is open 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road), each Sunday 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.

Bowie Master Plan Update

The Master Plan is a comprehensive master plan providing a vision for the City of Bowie and portions of the Mitchellville and Collington areas and describes how the plan area will grow and evolve over the next 25 years. The plan can be viewed at www.mncppcapps.org/planning/publications/BookDetail.cfm?item_id=391.

A virtual Joint Public Hearing of the Prince George's County Planning Board and District Council will be held on Monday, October 4 at 5 p.m. Meeting link: <https://pgccouncil.us/LIVE>.

The City's review process included a public hearing before the Bowie Advisory Planning Board on September 14 (view the [meeting video here](#) or the [staff report here](#)) and City Council discussion and public hearing at the September 20 Council Meeting. [View the City's position letter](#) submitted for the October 4 hearing. For more information, contact the Planning Department at 301-809-3045.

Hayden Property Virtual Stakeholders Meeting

The City has scheduled a Virtual Stakeholders Meeting taking place on Tuesday, October 5 at 7 p.m. via [Zoom](#) regarding a proposal to subdivide a 2.4 acre site in Old Bowie into four residential lots. The property is currently occupied by Ray's Towing. The property owner has submitted a Preliminary Plan of subdivision for the four residential lots. The proposal was recently filed with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). Questions? Contact Joseph Meinert at jmeinert@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3047.

Teens Invited to Join Police Explorers Program

The Prince George's County Police Department is hosting an open house in the Bowie area to promote its Explorers Program for ages 11 to 20. It takes place on October 6, from 5 to 9 p.m. at 12500F Fairwood Parkway. Contact Cpl. Claggett at Diclaggett@co.pg.md.us or 240-695-3023 for more information.

The Bowie Police Department also sponsors its own Police Explorers Program, for youth between the ages of 14 and 20. To learn more about that program, visit <https://www.cityofbowie.org/348/Explorers-Post-1916>.

Being a Police Explorer is a great way for teens to learn about how police departments operate, earn service hours, and consider if they might be interested in a career in law enforcement.

Bowie Gym HVAC Repairs

The City Gym will be closed from October 16 - 31 due to the replacement of the HVAC system.

Free High-Dose Flu Vaccine Clinic for Ages 65+

The Bowie Senior Center will host a free high-dose seasonal flu clinic on October 11. For more information or to pre-register, call 301-809-2300.



FREE HIGH-DOSE FLU VACCINE CLINIC

for ages 65+

Monday, October 11
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Bowie Senior Center

Must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination and wear face mask
Bring Medicare Part B card & other medical insurance cards

**PRE-REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**
Call 301-809-2300
to pre-register.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 2

- [Bowie International Festival](#) | 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 3

- [Bowie Farmer’s Market](#) | 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Monday, October 4

- [SAGE Classes begin at Senior Center](#)
- [Bowie Master Plan Virtual Joint Public Hearing](#) | 5 p.m.
- [Education Grant Applications Due](#) | 5 p.m.
- [City Council Meeting](#) | 8 p.m.

Tuesday, October 5

- [Coffee with a Cop at Starbucks](#) | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- [Hayden Property Virtual Stakeholders Meeting](#) | 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Friday, October 8

- [Violin Performance w/ Officer Alexander Strachan](#) | 12:30 p.m.
- [Wine and Design at Belair Mansion](#) | 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturday, October 9

- [Community Shredding & Styrofoam Recycling](#) | 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

- [Purple Bike Ride with the Bowie Police Department](#) | 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Sunday, October 10

- [Bowie Farmer's Market](#) | 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Monday, October 11

- [Walk-in High Dose Flu Shot Clinic for Ages 65+](#) | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Visit www.cityofbowie.org/calendar for details about other upcoming events sponsored by the City of Bowie.

COVID Corner



Booster Info

If you received your second Pfizer dose at least six months ago, you should strongly consider getting a booster shot. Based on the September 24 CDC recommendations, all providers shall offer a Pfizer booster dose to the following:

- People 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings,
- People aged 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions,
- People aged 18–49 years with underlying medical conditions based on their individual benefits and risks, and
- People aged 18–64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting based on their individual benefits and risks.

Talk to your healthcare providers to determine individual benefits and risks of receiving a booster dose. For answers to the most commonly asked questions about COVID booster shots, visit the Maryland Department of Health's [FAQ page](#).

Earlier this week, senior health officials announced that [over the previous weekend over 400,000 Americans](#) received a COVID-19 booster shot for additional protection, and approximately one million people have already scheduled their booster shots through pharmacies for the coming weeks.

Voluntary reports to [V-safe After Vaccination Health Checker](#) found no unexpected patterns of adverse reactions after the third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. From August 12 through September 19, among the 12,591 registrants who completed a health check-in survey following all three doses, roughly 79.4% and 74.1%

reported local or systemic reactions, respectively, after the third dose; 77.6% and 76.5% reported local or systemic reactions after the second dose, respectively.

COVID Symptoms Update

KNOW THE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

People with COVID-19 experience a wide range of mild or severe symptoms, 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

<i>If you have any of these <u>symptoms</u>, you may have COVID:</i>	<i>Seek immediate medical attention if you have one or more of these <u>emergency warning signs</u>:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fever or chills• Cough• Fatigue• Nausea or vomiting• Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing• Muscle or body aches• Congestion or runny nose• Loss of taste or smell• Sore throat• Diarrhea• Headache  	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trouble breathing• Persistent pain or pressure in the chest• Bluish lips or face• New confusion• Inability to wake or stay awake 

Source • Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (cdc.gov)

This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you. Find a COVID-19 testing site near you at <http://health.mypgc.us/COVIDtesting>.

Vaccination Resources

Visit covidvax.maryland.gov, or call 1-855-MD-GOVAX (1-855-634-6829) for information on vaccinations.

Prince George's County is operating one vaccine clinic and several mobile units. Individuals 12 and older who live or work in Prince George's County are eligible to be vaccinated at these sites. Visit the [county vaccination webpage](#) for details.

Prince George's County and Bowie Vaccinations

The CDC vaccination data by county is based on the percentage of the eligible population.

**Prince George's County Fully
Vaccinated Residents
(as of 9/30/21)**

Total #	550,164
% of Total Population	60.5%
# of Age 12+	550,125
% of Age 12+ Population	71.3%
# of Age 18+	510,004
% of Age 18+ Population	72%
# of Age 65+	107,689
% of Age 65 + Population	85.3%