



BOWIE BRIEF

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Community Outreach Grants Available

Community Outreach Grants are awarded by the Bowie Community Outreach Committee to individuals, groups, and/or organizations that help the needs of Bowie residents in areas of social services, senior citizens, and mental health. The deadline for applying for this round of grants is November 22, 2021, at 5 p.m. For additional information, please contact Lori Cunningham by [email](#) or by calling 301-832-7451.

Veterans Day Tribute at Belair Mansion

There will be a Veterans Day Tribute at Belair Mansion on Saturday, November 6, 12 - 5 p.m., featuring re-enactors, music, and special presentations. Info: 301-809-3089 or sproctor@cityofbowie.org.

Veterans Day Holiday

City Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 11 in observance of the Veterans Day Holiday. There will be no trash or recycling collection and all City offices are closed; services will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.

Bowie Golf Course Has Reopened

The Bowie Golf Course has reopened under new management. For information or to reserve a tee time, email info@golfbowie.com or call 301-262-8141.

New Trash Rules in Effect November 1

In an effort to combat the growing problem of vultures, raccoons, and other wildlife tearing open trash bags and strewing the waste around yards, sidewalks, and streets, the City has made a change to its rules for trash collection. Trash that contains food scraps, human or animal waste, carryout containers, or anything that is likely to attract wildlife will need to be bagged and placed in a trash can with a secure lid. It is no longer sufficient to simply put bags that will attract wildlife at the curb.

Also effective on November 1, crews will be limited in the kinds of household construction debris they can pick up. Construction waste, such as lumber, doors, windows, shingles and roofing materials will not be collected. Instead, these materials must be hauled away by a contractor, taken to the County landfill, or taken to a site that accepts construction materials, such as the Annapolis Junction Transfer Station in Jessup. For a list of what items are accepted at the Prince George's County landfill in Upper Marlboro, visit their [website](#) or call 301-952-7625.

Other construction debris a resident generates during repair or renovation of their Bowie home may be put in contractor trash bags and placed at the curb. Bags must be tied closed and weigh less than 50 pounds each. Non-metal cabinets, fixtures, wood, or laminate countertops, and tied rolls of carpet or padding do not need to be in bags. These items can be set out next to cans or bags. Visit www.cityofbowie.org/curbsidecollections or call 301-809-2344 for more information about trash or recycling collection.

Leaf Collection

Curbside leaf collection began November 1 in city neighborhoods. See details at www.cityofbowie.org/leaves.

A promotional poster for the Fall Leaf Collection. The background is a close-up of vibrant orange and yellow autumn leaves against a clear blue sky. In the upper right corner, there is a circular seal for the City of Bowie, Maryland, featuring a shield with an American flag, a Maryland state flag, and the year 1916. The seal is surrounded by the words "GROWTH", "UNITY", "PROGRESS", and "BOWIE, MARYLAND". The main text "FALL LEAF COLLECTION" is written in large, bold, orange and yellow letters. Below it, the dates "November 1 through December 17" are written in white. At the bottom, the website "WWW.CITYOFBOWIE.ORG/LEAVES" is displayed in white, and a note in yellow text states: "*LEAVES MUST BE RAKED TO THE CURB BY 7 A.M. ON THE WEEK OF PICK UP." data-bbox="114 188 881 520"/>

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Low-Cost Rabies Clinic

Get your dog, cat, or ferret a rabies vaccination at our low-cost clinic in the parking lot of City Hall on November 6. The cost is \$10 for spayed or neutered pets (proof required) and \$25 for pets that are not altered. Payment must be made in cash. Pets must be at least three months old to receive a rabies vaccine and must be on a leash or in a carrier and under control at all times. Hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, please contact Bowie Animal Control at 301-809-3002. Microchipping will also be available for a cost of \$10.

Emergency Food Distribution in Bowie

The City of Bowie will distribute **free** emergency food aid to city residents at the Kenhill Center on the first two Saturdays of this month. Non-perishable food and groceries will be distributed at these drive-through events taking place on Saturday, November 6 and 13 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (or until all good is gone.) Volunteers, wearing masks and gloves, will load food into vehicles and staff will gather information from residents in their cars. Residents should wear masks and remain in their vehicles. Questions? Contact Kay Starr at cobcares@cityofbowie.org or by calling 301-809-3009.

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, November 5 at 12:30 p.m.

- Faith Temple No. 2 Free Will Baptist Church – 211 Maryland Park Drive, Capitol Heights
- Victory Grace Center at Port Towns Elementary School – 4351 58th Place, Bladensburg

Saturday, November 6 at 10 a.m.

- Kingdom Fellowship at High Point High School – 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville,
- Love A.M.E. Church at Capitol Heights Elementary School – 601 Suffolk Avenue, Capitol Heights

Job Openings

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

Open until filled

- [Administrative Assistant](#) (Records) – Police Department
- [Entry Level Police Officer](#) – Police Dept.
- [Communications Specialist II](#) – Police Dept.
- [Digital Applications Specialist](#) – IT Dept.
- [Project Manager](#) – Public Works
- [Solid Waste Collector/ CDL Class B](#) – Public Works
- [Temporary Laborer](#) (part-time) – Parks & Grounds Division

Visit <http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobs> for details or to apply.

Green Bowie Veterans Day 5K

Runners, be sure to mark your calendars because the Green Bowie Veterans Day 5K is back and better than ever! The Green Bowie 5K is a FREE fun run and walk for everyone. The course is a certified 5K one and registration gets you a free t-shirt and access to a great way to celebrate our many veterans in the City of Bowie. This event is also a way to celebrate the many "green" efforts in Bowie and has many aspects of sustainability involved, including being outside and being active! [Register today.](#)

When: November 13, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Where: Bowie Town Center. Race begins in the parking lot behind Five Guys.

Questions? Contact Ashleigh Diaz at 301-809-3044 or email adiaz@cityofbowie.org.



Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 7 at 2 a.m.

Be sure to “fall back” one hour before you go to bed on Saturday evening. This is also the perfect time to replace the battery in your smoke detector, or even replace it entirely.

Maryland to Launch Homeowner Assistance Fund

The Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development will be launching the *Maryland Homeowners Assistance Fund* in late 2021. The fund will be open to homeowners statewide. Visit the [Maryland Homeowner Assistance Fund webpage](#) to learn more about the program and the eligibility requirements. Complete an [Expression of Interest Form](#) and be added to the MD-DHCD’s email list if you are having trouble paying your mortgage. Getting help early is important. Contact a [housing counselor](#) today to discuss your specific circumstances and learn the options available to you.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 6

- [Low Cost Rabies & Microchip Clinic](#) | 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- [Tribute to Veterans](#) | 12 - 5 p.m.
- [Emergency Food Distribution](#) | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (or until food is gone)

Thursday, November 11

- [Veterans Day](#) (city government closed)

Friday, November 12

- [Wine and Design](#) | 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 13

- [Green Bowie Veterans Day 5K](#) | Doors open at 7:30 a.m. & race starts at 8:30 a.m.
- [Emergency Food Distribution](#) | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (or until food is gone)

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

COVID CORNER



Guidance for the Holidays

The CDC has released new guidance for celebrating the winter holidays. The agency says the best way to safely celebrate the holiday season and protect children who can't get a vaccination yet, is to be fully vaccinated against the coronavirus, if you are eligible. The [guidance](#) also includes tips for indoor travel and protecting yourself and others in certain indoor settings.

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 11/04/21)	
Total #	579,673
% of Total Population	63.7%
# of Age 12+	579,629
% of Age 12+ Population	75.1%
# of Age 18+	535,429
% of Age 18+ Population	75.6%
# of Age 65+	109,833
% of Age 65 + Population	87%

COVID Vaccinations for Ages 5-11 Authorized in Maryland

Both the CDC and the FDA have now authorized the use of Pfizer COVID vaccinations for children ages 5 to 11. With this approval, 515,000 children in Maryland are now eligible to be vaccinated. Based on requests from providers, the state placed an initial order of 180,000 doses, which began arriving directly from Pfizer earlier this week. Providers in the state are authorized to begin administering the shots immediately.

Vaccine distribution will be done through pediatric offices, schools, pharmacies, and county health departments. Parents with questions or concerns about the safety or efficacy of the pediatric COVID vaccine are encouraged to discuss the matter with their child's pediatrician. Visit <http://covidvax.maryland.gov> or call 1-855-MDGOVAX for assistance in finding a vaccination location near you.

PGCPS Will Host Mobile Vax Clinics for Students

Prince George's County Schools have announced a series of school-based COVID vaccination clinics for students ages 5 and up. The first Bowie clinic is scheduled for November 18, from 4 -8 p.m. at Bowie High School. View the full mobile clinic schedule for students at <https://www.pgcps.org/coronavirus/pgcps-vaccination-plan>.

Vaccination Resources

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.