



BOWIE BRIEF

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Friday, March 4, 2022

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Truck Convoy May Affect Regional Traffic

Truck convoys are expected to enter the National Capital Region this weekend. Depending on the size of the convoys, there may be disruptions to traffic. Please check the latest traffic and media reports before you travel in the region.

COVID Test Kit & Mask Distribution Saturday, March 5

This week, the City received its long-awaited supply of test kits and masks for distribution to the public. On Saturday, March 5, from 2 to 5 p.m., at the Bowie Senior Center, COVID at home test kits and KN95 masks will be given away.

This will be a strictly drive through event. City residents are eligible to receive up to four (4) test boxes and ten (10) KN95 per Bowie address. Each test box contains two test kits. You will be asked to provide identification proving you live in Bowie.

COVID Home Test & MASK DISTRIBUTION

March 5, 2 - 5 p.m.
@
**Bowie Senior Center
14900 Health Center Dr.**

- Up to 4 boxes (2 test kits per box) & 10 masks per household while supplies last
- Proof of City of Bowie residency required
- Drive through event (no walk-ups)

Learn more: cityofbowie.org/athometests



Bowie Water Filter Rebate

Bowie Water System customers who are experiencing discolored water due to sedimentation are now eligible for a City rebate of up to \$1,800 to help defray the costs of purchasing and installing a whole house water filtration system or water filter(s) at their property.

City Council has authorized \$50,000 for this new program. Rebates will be awarded on a first come, first served basis to eligible applicants who are prequalified for the rebate. The rebates will continue

to be distributed until the \$50,000 in program funds are exhausted or until the fiscal year ends on June 30, 2022, whichever comes first.

Funding is limited. Visit www.cityofbowie.org/waterrebate for details about this program. If you think you may be eligible for this rebate program, it is imperative that you begin the application process as soon as possible.

Hate Leaflets Distributed in Two Bowie Neighborhoods

In February, there were two incidents in Bowie neighborhoods when offensive leaflets were dropped in driveways. The Bowie Police Department responded and found materials containing anti-Semitic comments.

The Bowie Police Department strongly denounced these types of incidents and issued a statement, which in part said, “We want to make it clear that there is no place for hatred or these despicable acts in the Bowie community. We encourage anyone who has information about this incident to contact us at 240-544-5700”.

The City of Bowie is committed to fostering and supporting a community environment where these types of sentiments are unwelcome and not tolerated. Incidents like this harm, not only the intended victims, but also the entire fabric of the Bowie community. As a visible show of support, the City Council has decided to co-sponsor the “Rally for Peace” being organized by local houses of worship. The event will take place at Allen Pond Park on March 13 at 4 p.m. Details are still being finalized and will be shared next week.

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The City Council also spoke out against these incidents, saying “Bowie is committed to fostering and supporting a community environment where these types of sentiments are unwelcome and not tolerated. Incidents like this harm, not only the intended victims, but also the entire fabric of the Bowie community.”

In addition to the leafletting incidents, over the last several weeks, Bowie State University, other historically black colleges and universities, and other schools around the country have received bomb threats.

To combat these examples of hate speech and actions, and to promote peace everywhere, the Bowie Interfaith Coalition, Bowie State University, and community leaders have organized a “Bowie United for Peace” rally. As a visible show of support for peace and against hate in all its forms, the City Council has decided to co-sponsor the rally. The event will take place at Allen Pond Park on March 13 at 4 p.m. Details are still being finalized and will be shared next week.



**INTERFAITH COALITION OF BOWIE &
BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY**



BOWIE UNITED

FOR

PEACE

13 MARCH 2022

4 P.M.

ALLEN POND PARK

**GATHER WITH LOCAL FAITH AND COMMUNITY
LEADERS AS WE STAND TOGETHER AGAINST HATE**

Women’s History Month

March is Women’s History Month, a celebration of women’s contributions to American history, culture and society. Follow the City on social media and visit www.cityofbowie.org/womenshistorymonth throughout March for posts spotlighting the accomplishments of women and information about local Women’s History Month programs.

The City is hosting a museums lecture on March 12, from 2 – 3 p.m. discussing “[The Wild Women of Maryland: Grit and Gumption in the Free State](#)”. In this lecture, author Lauren Silberman shares her extensive knowledge of the "Wild Women of Maryland". These female figures in Maryland's history have stood the test of time and have proven that they can be the women they want to be.

How Do You Describe Bowie?

The City of Bowie has embarked on a visioning and branding project that will help to better define our city – for those who live or work here and for those who might be interested in moving or visiting here, and also for those who have chosen, or are considering making Bowie their business location.

The goal is to better articulate what makes Bowie unique and special. In other words – why do people (or why should people) choose Bowie to live, work, shop, play, and visit.

We know that Bowie means different things to different people. Understanding the different perspectives and experiences within our city will be important to understanding our community’s character, where its strengths lie, and where improvements may be needed in the future.

You can help this effort by completing the survey at <https://trajectory.typeform.com/Bowie>.

Latest Videos

Bowie Senior Center

The Bowie Senior is a lifeline for so many seniors in our community who want to enjoy an active, independent and healthy lifestyle. This nationally accredited center offers countless social, educational, creative, and recreational programs for residents ages 55+.

Friendships are made, new interests are discovered, skills are sharpened, talents are enjoyed, meals are shared, and special occasions are celebrated.

Are you 55 and older? Come join the hundreds of other Bowie seniors of who use the center. Visit www.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter for more information.



Bowie Senior Center

14900 HEALTH CENTER DR

301-809-2300

WWW.CITYOFBOWIE.ORG/SENIORCENTER

Job Openings

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

Closing March 4

- [Executive Office Manager](#) – Community Services Department

Closing March 11

- [Park Aide](#) – Community Services Department

Closing March 14

- [Human Resources Generalist](#) – Human Resources

Closing March 18

- [Executive Office Associate](#) – Streets & Utilities Divisions

Closing March 25

- [Temporary Laborer](#) – Parks & Grounds & Stormwater

Closing March 31

- [Solid Waste Collector/CDL Class B](#) – Public Works Department

Closing April 29

- [Project Manager](#) – Public Works Department

Open until filled

- [Entry Level Police Officer](#) – Police Department
- [Communications Specialist II](#) – Police Department
- [Equipment Operator](#) – Public Works Department
- [Transportation Specialist I/Transportation Specialist II](#) – Planning Department
- [Transportation Supervisor/Assistant Transportation Supervisor](#) – Senior Center
- [Network Administrator](#) – Information Technology Department
- [Part-time Museum Aide](#) – Community Services

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

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 5

- [COVID Test Kit and Mask Giveaway](#) | 2 – 5 p.m.

Monday, March 7

- [City Council Meeting](#) | 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 8

- International Women’s Day | 10 a.m., Bowie Senior Center

Wednesday, March 9

- [Nature Presentation](#) | 10 a.m., Bowie Senior Center

Friday, March 11

- Kids Kaboose | 10:30 a.m., Railroad Museum

Saturday, March 12

- Blood Drive | 8:30 a.m., Bowie Senior Center
- [Museums Lecture: The Wild Women of Maryland](#) | 2 p.m., Belair Mansion

Sunday, March 13

- Rally for Peace at Allen Pond Park | 4 p.m.

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

COVID Data

Covid-19 Data (as of 3/4/22)			
	Maryland	Prince George's County	Bowie
Cases	1,003,908 (+398)	169,032 (+39)	Cases: 15,386 (+4)
Deaths	14,171 (+11)	2,113 (+1)	
Positivity Rate	1.85%	1.61%	
Case Rate Per 100K	7.91	6.44	20715: 3,311 (+1)
Maryland Hospitalizations			20716: 3,358 (+0)
Adult	Total: 349 (+1.1%)	ICU: 75 (+1.3%)	20720: 3,879 (+3)
Pediatric	Total: 7 (+28.5%)	ICU: 3 (+0%)	20721: 4,838 (+0)
<i>Figures above in parentheses represent a one-day increase since 3/3/22.</i>			
Vaccine Progress - At Least One Dose			
	Maryland	Prince George's County	
CDC 18+	95%	95.0%	
CDC 5+	90.4%	92.2%	
Source: Maryland Department of Health at coronavirus.maryland.gov			

Prince George's County Vaccinations

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

Prince George's County Fully Vaccinated Residents (per CDC) as of 3/4/22	
Total #	661,410
% of Total Population	72.7%
# of Age 5+	661,388
% of Age 5+ Population	77.8%
# of Age 12+	635,225
% of Age 12+ Population	82.3%
# of Age 18+	583,923
% of Age 18+ Population	82.5%
# of Age 65+	116,352
% of Age 65 + Population	92.1%