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Bowie News

Rustic Woods

The owner of the former Montessori school site on Randonstone Lane wishes to develop the property into a 38-home subdivision. Before the owner can submit a subdivision plan, they must obtain an amendment to the County Water & Sewer Plan.

Approval of a Water and Sewer Plan amendment will allow the property owner to submit a subdivision plan for development of the property. The property is partially located in the City of Bowie. The City currently provides water service only to this address. Because the proposal will involve a water service change, City Council approval will ultimately be required. City water service to the entire property would also require annexation and a City service category change since the property is not completely in the municipal limits of Bowie.

While there is no action for the City Council to take at this time, the City wanted to provide an early opportunity for residents to learn about what is being proposed and ask questions. View project information at www.cityofbowie.org/rusticwoods.



Community Meeting

Proposed Rustic Woods Subdivision (North of Rockledge Neighborhood)
Water & Sewer Plan Amendment Request

 **MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2022**
7 PM
Council Chambers, City Hall
15901 Fred Robinson Way

View project information at
www.cityofbowie.org/rusticwoods

Community Outreach Committee Grant Clinic

Community Outreach grants are awarded in areas of social/human services, senior citizens, youth and mental health. Individuals, groups, and/or organizations that provide services to assist underserved residents of the incorporated City of Bowie are also encouraged to apply.

This year \$15,000 is available to be awarded to successful applicants through a competitive selection process. The maximum amount that will be awarded for any grant is \$5,000. Although applicants need

not live within the municipal limits of Bowie, the grant program for which they are seeking funds must directly benefit City of Bowie residents.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all applicants must follow local, county and state orders and provide details as to how your project could be executed virtually. The deadline to apply for a Community Outreach Grant is September 19 at 5 p.m.

Labor Day Closures

City offices will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 5. Trash and recycling will not be collected on this day. Trash and recycling will be collected on the next regularly scheduled collection day.

The Bowie Police Department is Hiring

Noble, passionate, exemplary, committed. Do these words describe someone you know? The Bowie Police Department offers a \$500 referral incentive to anyone who refers a candidate to the agency and that person is eventually hired. Refer a candidate and \$500 could be yours! For more information, visit: <https://www.cityofbowie.org/BPDjobs>.

The Bowie Police Department encourages individuals to apply to join their team of challenge-takers and difference-makers. The agency offers up to \$9,000 signing bonus for new hires.

Chief John Nesky says, "Now more than ever, it is vital for the Bowie community to be part of the process of shaping the way it is served. To encourage that involvement, we are offering a \$500 incentive to anyone (yes, anyone!) who refers a successful police candidate to us."



EMPATHY, INTEGRITY
HONOR, RESPECT

BUT ENOUGH ABOUT US.
TELL US ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS!

BOWIE POLICE DEPARTMENT
WWW.CITYOFBOWIE.ORG/POLICE

REFER A CANDIDATE!
IF WE HIRE THEM,
YOU GET
\$500

Yoga on the Green

The City of Bowie is hosting its second Yoga on the Green event on the grounds of Belair Mansion. This free, one-hour session takes place on August 27 at 10 a.m. and is for all skill levels. No registration needed. Simply bring a water, sunscreen, and a yoga mat or towel. Have questions? Email adiaz@cityofbowie.org.

Bowie's Volunteer Fire Department Needs You!

The Bowie Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. (BVFD) is actively recruiting individuals who wish to serve the City of Bowie and surrounding areas as volunteer firefighters and/or Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). Men and women ages 16 and older that are in good physical condition and have the desire to participate in fire and/or emergency medical activities are eligible for membership. Those persons who do not have the desire to participate in emergency activities, or who do not meet the physical requirements for active membership, are encouraged to enter the department as an Auxiliary Member. These members contribute in the areas of fundraising, public relations, public education, and administrative assistance.

To learn more about the minimum requirements to become a volunteer with the BVFD or to apply, visit the [BVFD website](#).

Bowie Restaurant Reimbursement Grants Are Back!

The Bowie Restaurant Reimbursement Grant is a grant program created by the City Council to assist small restaurant businesses with establishing and operating outdoor dining. Businesses with a physical establishment in the City of Bowie may be eligible to receive a one-time reimbursement of up to \$2,500. Purchases must be made between April 1 and December 30, 2022. The program has \$7,500 in remaining funds to distribute. Grants are limited to one award per business entity.

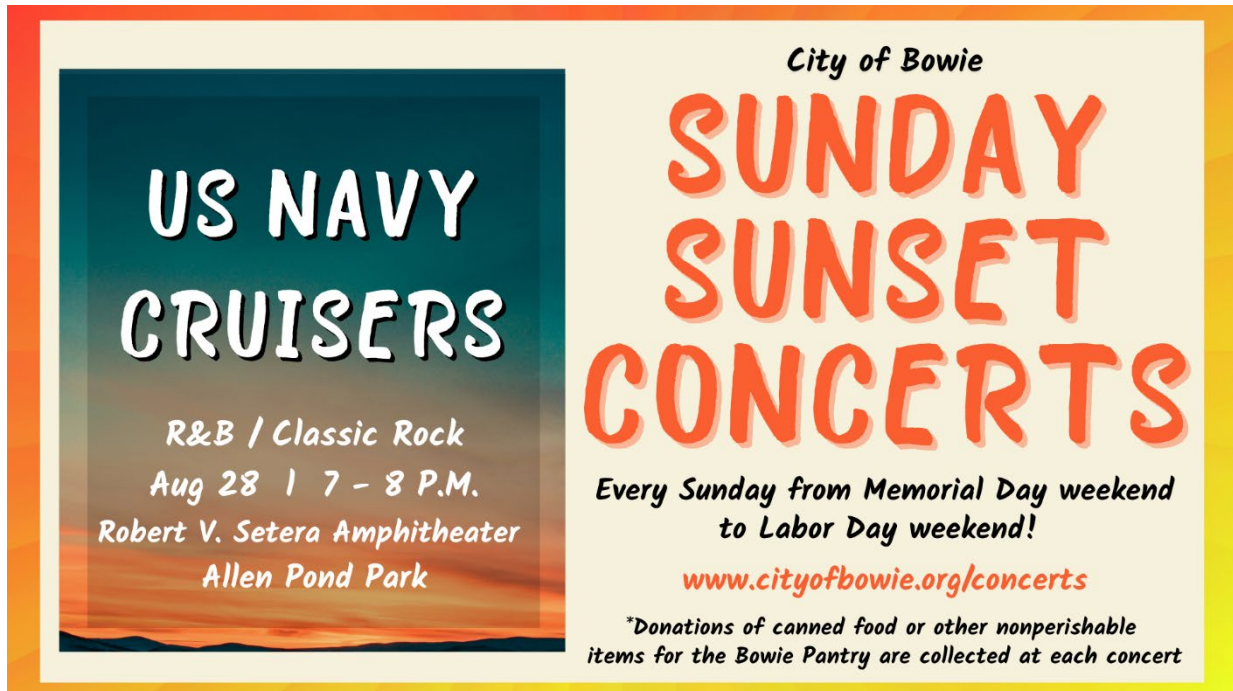
Visit the [program webpage](#) to read the eligibility criteria and to download the grant application. The application deadline is December 16, 2022. Questions? Contact the Economic Development Director at jhking@cityofbowie.org.

Sunday Sunset Concert: "US Navy Cruisers" (R & B and Classic Rock)

Sunday, August 28, 7 p.m.

The summer concert series is winding down. There are only two more chances to enjoy a free Sunday evening concert at Allen Pond Park this year. The "US Navy Cruisers" perform on Sunday, August 28 at 7 p.m. at the Robert V. Setera Amphitheater and the final concert is scheduled for September 4 and will feature "4 the Road" performing R & B and classic rock music.

Admission is free and each show begins at 7 p.m. Be sure to bring a blanket or a lawn chair to sit on. Donations of non-perishable food items for the Bowie Food Pantry are collected at the concerts. If you are unable to attend in person, you can still view the concerts live on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. on Comcast Channel 71 and 996 or Verizon Channel 10.



Lawn Care Equipment Rebate Program

As of July 1, 2022, the lawn mower rebate program has been expanded to now include other lawn care equipment. Electric lawn mowers, as well as mulching mowers, will be rebated at the current rate of \$50. Electric weed whackers, hedge trimmers, and leaf blowers will each be rebated at \$25. If you purchase all four tools at once, you will be eligible for a \$150 rebate.

Please bring your receipt/proof of purchase and proof of residency to the Finance Department window at City Hall, Monday - Friday between 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Purchases must be made on or after July 1, 2022.

Only residents who live within the municipal limits of the City of Bowie are eligible for these rebates. Only one rebate will be issued per item, per household. Please call 301-809-3044 if you have further questions.

Job Openings

The City of Bowie is currently seeking candidates for several positions listed below. Full time employees are eligible for medical, dental, vision, life and long-term care insurance, a 401(k) with employer match, and a 457 savings plan. They also have paid holidays and earn leave. Visit www.cityofbowie.org/jobs for links to job postings.

Closing 8/26/2022

- [Part time Contracts/Permits Specialist](#) - Public Works Department

Closing 9/02/2022

- [Solid Waste Driver/Collector](#) - Public Works Department

Open until filled

- [Entry Level Police Officer](#) – Police Department
- [Communications Specialist II](#) – Police Department
- [Water Plant Superintendent](#) – Public Works Department
- [Part time Bus Driver](#) – Community Services
- [Part time Theater Technician](#) – Community Services

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

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Friday, August 26

- [Bowie Playhouse: “Sweat”](#) | 8 p.m.

Saturday, August 27

- [Victorian Braid Work Class at Belair Mansion](#) | 9 a.m.
- [Yoga on the Green](#) | 10 a.m.
- [Bowie Playhouse: “Sweat”](#) | 8 p.m.

Sunday, August 28

- [Bowie Farmers’ Market](#) | 8 a.m.
- [Bowie Playhouse: “Sweat”](#) | 2 p.m.
- [Sunday Sunset Concert: “US Navy Cruisers”](#) | 7 p.m.

Monday, August 29

- [Community Meeting – Rustic Woods Water & Sewer Plan Amendment](#) | 7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 31

- [Fairy Tale Fun](#) | 10 a.m.

Friday, September 2

- [Bowie Playhouse: “Sweat”](#) | 8 p.m.

Saturday, September 3

- [Bowie Playhouse: “Sweat”](#) | 8 p.m.

Sunday, September 4

- [Bowie Farmers’ Market](#) | 8 a.m.
- [Final Sunday Sunset Concert: “4 the Road”](#) | 7 p.m.

Monday, September 5

- [Labor Day, City Offices Closed](#)

Tuesday, September 6

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

Friday, September 9

- [Kid’s Kaboose at Bowie Railroad Museum](#) | 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 10

- [Weed Warrior Workday](#) | 9 a.m.

Sunday, September 11

- [Bowie Farmers’ Market](#) | 8 a.m.

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

COVID CORNER



Masks Required in Prince George’s County Schools

Effective August 15, Prince George’s County: Prince George’s County Public Schools returned to a [mandatory mask policy in all schools](#) and facilities until further notice, as recommended by the Prince George’s County Health Department.

CDC Updates Guidance for Schools

It’s back to school time again, and parents and caregivers across the country are concerned about keeping their kids safe in the changing COVID-19 landscape. Last week CDC released new COVID-19 [guidance](#), including an update to recommendations for K-12 schools and Early Care and Education (ECE) programs. The new guidance helps schools protect students and staff, including [people who are at increased risk](#).^{*} Here are some ways to the CDC offers to stay safe at school.

Stay home when you’re sick. Even if it isn’t COVID-19, staying home still lowers the risk of spreading infections to other people.

Get tested. Test immediately if you have COVID-19 symptoms. If you test positive, follow recommendations for isolation. If you were exposed to COVID-19 and do not have symptoms, wait at least 5 full days after your exposure before testing. If you test negative—and you used an at-home test—see FDA instructions on repeat testing.

Mask up. Staff and students should wear masks indoors if their COVID-19 Community Level is high, if they have been exposed to COVID-19, or if they are returning from isolation. To check your COVID-19 Community Level, visit COVID Data Tracker.

Practice good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette. Students should learn proper handwashing and to cover coughs and sneezes.

Optimize ventilation, especially in places with high COVID-19 Community Levels. Effective ventilation and air filtration are important parts of COVID-19 prevention.

Schools are safer when students and staff are up to date on their vaccinations. All children ages 6 months and older are eligible for COVID-19 vaccines, and children 5 years and older are eligible for boosters. Children have been less affected by COVID-19 compared with adults, but they can get sick with COVID-19 and can spread it to others around them. Keeping all children healthy and safe is the key to getting this school year off to a great start.

Learn more about the new school guidance: [Giving Every School the Tools to Prevent COVID-19 Spread and Stay Safely Open All Year Long](#)

*Some students might need additional protections in the classroom—including those who are immunocompromised, with complex medical conditions, or with certain disabilities that can put them at higher risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19. Learn more about actions you can take to protect yourself and others.

View the latest guidance about quarantining and isolation after COVID exposure in the article [What to Do if You Were Exposed to COVID-19](#) which was published on August 11, 2022.

COVID Transmission Rates

As of August 24, Prince George’s County and Montgomery Counties are back to a low rate of community transmission. The only Maryland counties currently experiencing high transmission rates are Worcester, Wicomico, Kent, and Somerset Counties on the Eastern Shore and Alleghany County in Western Maryland.

COVID-19 Vaccination Information

The COVID-19 vaccine is **available** through the County’s mobile vaccination units or at the Cheverly Health Center and Maternal/Child Health Center at Laurel, by appointment only.

Prince George’s County Health Department

Cheverly Health Center and Maternal/Child Health Center at Laurel: To schedule an appointment, individuals should visit the [vaccination appointment website](#).

Mobile Vaccination Units:

The County’s mobile vaccination units are typically reserved for homebound residents and other high-risk residents who require assistance in getting access to the vaccine. Individuals who are interested in the mobile vaccination units should call PGC311 and press # for assistance.

Additional Non-County Operated Sites

Please use the [Vaccine Locator](#) to find additional vaccination sites operated by pharmacies, hospitals, and other healthcare partners.

COVID Data

Covid-19 Data (as of 8/24/22)			
	Maryland	Prince George's County	Bowie
Cases	1,215,687 (+1,102)	202,487 (+193)	Cases: 20,058 (+20)
Deaths	15,134 (+8)	2,226 (+0)	
Positivity Rate	11.45%	12.87%	
Case Rate Per 100K	20.49	23.36	20715: 4,284 (+2)
Maryland Hospitalizations			20716: 4,293 (+7)
Adult	Total: 548 (-3.5%)	ICU: 61 (+10.9%)	20720: 5,163 (+4)
Pediatric	Total: 12 (-14%)	ICU: 5 (+0%)	20721: 6,318 (+7)
<i>Figures above in parentheses represent a one-day increase since 8/23/22.</i>			
Vaccine Progress - At Least One Dose			
	Maryland	Prince George's County	
CDC 18+	95%	95%	
CDC 5+	93.7%	95%	
Source: Maryland Department of Health at coronavirus.maryland.gov			

Prince George's County COVID Vaccinations

The CDC vaccination data by county is based on the percentage of the eligible population. The CDC counts people as being “fully vaccinated” if they received two doses on different days (regardless of time interval) of a two-dose mRNA series or received one dose of a single-dose COVID vaccine. [Source](#)

Prince George's County Fully Vaccinated Residents (per CDC) as of 8/24/22	
Total #	697,210
% of Total Population	76.7%
# of Age 5+	696,755
% of Age 5+ Population	82%
# of Age 12+	664,133
% of Age 12+ Population	86.1%
# of Age 18+	609,053
% of Age 18+ Population	86%
# of Age 65+	122,412
% of Age 65 + Population	95%

Are You Up to Date on Your Immunizations?

August is recognized as National Immunization Awareness Month to promote the importance of immunizations at all life stages. Vaccinations protect against severe illnesses and complications of vaccine-preventable diseases. Such illnesses include measles, polio, hepatitis, meningococcal meningitis—and now, [COVID-19](#).

Vaccinations are so vital that the CDC offers immunization schedules to help you understand if you or other loved ones are up to date on vaccinations:

- [Infants and children](#) (birth to age 6)
- [Preteens and teens](#) (ages 7 to 18)
- [Adults](#) (ages 19 and older)
- [Pregnant women](#) (before, during, and after pregnancy)

Talk to your doctor for more information on vaccines or to learn more about which ones you may need.