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**Thursday, January 12, 2023**

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# Bowie News

## Update on City Council Vacancies

In December 2022, two City of Bowie Councilmembers resigned after they were elected to other offices. There are now 36 At-Large candidates and 18 District 3 candidates interested in serving. Each candidate will be interviewed in a closed City Council session.

The list of candidates for each seat is listed below:

### At-Large

- Hisham Amin – Heather Hills
- Matthew Barclay – Long Ridge
- Rhonda Billingslea – Devonshire
- David Boone – Kenilworth
- Jumanne Bradford – Northview
- Dennis Brady – Pointer Ridge
- Carl Brown – Tall Oaks Crossing
- Frank Bryant – Saddlebrook West
- Charles Campbell - Somerset
- Heath Carelock – Long Ridge
- Joan Conway – Yorktown
- John Day – Whitehall
- Jenmaire Dewberry – Idlewild
- Elveeda Dixon – Rolling Hills
- Valerie DuBreuil – Whitehall
- Michael Estève – Northridge - **WITHDREW 1/11/23**
- Gary Gaskins, Jr. – Buckingham
- Gary Goldberg – Meadowbrook
- Jarryd Hawkins – Pointer Ridge
- Nathan Johnson – Covington Manor and Towns
- Jacqueline Le Moigne-Stewart – Foxhill
- Bethany Lichtenwalner – Rockledge
- Alesha Magby – Grady’s Walk
- Joseph Mead – Old Town Bowie (Huntington)
- Angela Meggs – Saddlebrook Estates
- Piero Mellits – Buckingham
- Dave Morgan – Highbridge Park
- Craig Muckle – Grovehurst
- Patrice Murray – Collington Station
- Enechukwu Nwankwo – Tall Oaks Crossing
- Yousif Omer – Glen Allen
- Monica Roebuck – Belair Town

- Nedrea Scott – Saddlebrook West
- Preston Thomas III – Tall Oaks Crossing
- Daniel Watford – Mitchellville East
- Taisha Williams-Johnson – Glen Allen
- Rhonda Wood – Saddlebrook West

### **District 3**

- Babatunde Alegbeleye – Northview
- Tanya Bennett – Pin Oak Village
- Brittany Bunn – Governor’s Green
- Allison Dunn Wilson – Longleaf
- Rhonda Edwards – Westview
- Arthur Elkins, Jr. – Woodmore Highlands
- Lottie Graham – Enfield Chase
- Ronnie Hammond – Covington
- Keisha Hassell – Essington
- Iyamide House – Princeton Square
- Jeremiah Hughes – Northview
- Sonia Huntley – Princeton Square
- Erynn Jenkins Powers - Oakpond
- Wanda Rogers – Woodmore Highlands
- Regina Spruill – Old Stage
- Clinton Truesdale, Sr. – Longleaf
- Megan Weeks – Northview
- Haile Yancy – Woodmore Estates

### **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Contest Program**

The Diversity Committee will host the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Contest Program on Saturday, **January 14**, 2023 at 10 a.m. at Bowie City Hall. The winners of the art contest will be recognized and will share their artwork. The community is invited to the program; refreshments will be served. More information may be found at [www.cityofbowie.org/mlk](http://www.cityofbowie.org/mlk). If you have questions, please contact Lori Cunningham at [lcunningham@cityofbowie.org](mailto:lcunningham@cityofbowie.org).


### **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday - City Holiday**

City offices and the Senior Center are closed for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday on **Monday, January 16**; however, the Bowie Gymnasium and Ice Arena are open on the holiday. There is no trash or recycling on this date; services will resume on the next regularly scheduled day. Due to the Monday holiday, the City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 17.

### **Series 3 Ice Skating Lessons**

Series 3 learn-to-skate classes begin February 2 and will run for seven weeks. Classes are offered for all levels ages 18 months through adults with special pricing for City of Bowie residents. A \$10 early bird

discount is available when you register between January 19 - 31. Ask about our family and beginner discounts too. Class registration includes: seven – 30-minute lessons (once a week) and skate rental during the lessons along with seven public session admissions. Registration is being accepted in person or over the phone between 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. To register, call the Ice Arena at 301-809-3090.



**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE CITY OF BOWIE**

# ICE ARENA SKATING CLASSES

**REGISTRATION BEGINS**

**January 19 - 31**

**CLASSES START**

**February 2**

**> REGISTER NOW**

**VISIT [WWW.CITYOFBOWIE.ORG/ICEARENA](http://WWW.CITYOFBOWIE.ORG/ICEARENA)**

## **Tanglewood Property Stakeholders Meeting**

Tanglewood is a city-owned, 127-acre wooded property located off Zug Road in Old Town Bowie. This property has had many challenges over the years due to its secluded location, preventing the property from achieving its highest and best use. Throughout January and February, the City, with the assistance of landscape architects *Human & Rohde, Inc.*, will work to revise the 1990 Tanglewood Park Master Plan to identify the best possible uses, based on input received from the community and neighboring property owners and businesses.

The first stakeholders meeting will take place on **January 24** from 7 - 9 p.m. at City Hall. The purpose of the stakeholders meeting is to acquaint the community with the master plan process and to obtain public input on the future use and design of the property. All interested parties are welcome to attend.



### **Christmas Tree Recycling**

Public Works will be picking up Christmas trees on Wednesday, **January 18** and Wednesday, **January 25**, along with yard waste. Be sure to remove all lights and decorations on the tree, leave the tree unbagged, and place it at the curb by 7 a.m.

### **Citizens' Police Academy Accepting Applications**

Session X of the Bowie Police Department Citizens' Police Academy is now enrolling. This free program is open to registered participants 18 years or older, and is a hands-on, behind the scenes course covering the ins and outs of a law enforcement agency. The multi-week program meets on Tuesday evenings and covers a variety of law enforcement/criminal justice topics and demonstrations.

The program begins **April 4**. Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/citizensacademy](http://www.cityofbowie.org/citizensacademy) to register. For more information, please contact [COPS@cityofbowie.org](mailto:COPS@cityofbowie.org) or 240-544-5792.

# CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY

BOWIE POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Citizens' Police Academy is a multi-week training course which allows participants to learn from Police Officers and other members of the criminal justice system through interactive classes and facilitated discussion.

## SESSION X BEGINS APRIL 4TH, 2023

Participants must be at least 18 years old. For more information, please contact [COPS@cityofbowie.org](mailto:COPS@cityofbowie.org) or 240-544-5792

**APPLY ONLINE TODAY**

[www.cityofbowie.org/police](http://www.cityofbowie.org/police)

## Single Family Housing Rehab Program

The Single Family Housing Rehabilitation Program is a federally funded grant program that provides City of Bowie single family homeowners with grants up to \$10,000 for energy efficiency related home upgrades and repairs to correct hazardous conditions, eliminate safety hazards, repair or replace major systems, correct interior and exterior deficiencies, energy improvements, modifications for persons with disabilities, and eliminate lead based paint hazards. Income limits apply.

For more information and to apply, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/rehabgrants](http://www.cityofbowie.org/rehabgrants). The state of Maryland also offers assistance programs. Visit <https://mymdthink.maryland.gov> for more information.

## Energy Efficiency Business Grant

To help reach its Climate Action Plan goals, the City is proud to offer a reimbursement program to businesses seeking to promote energy efficiency and move towards more sustainable practices. The Climate Action Plan calls for a 50% reduction in community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. This program seeks to help the commercial sector lead the fight towards sustainable change.

Businesses within the incorporated limits of Bowie may apply for this reimbursement program, though priority will be given to small businesses and those looking to purchase a heat pump.

Other grant parameters are as follows:

- This program is aimed at small and local businesses.
- Applications will be on a first come, first served basis.
- Applicants are encouraged to be innovative, creative, and open-minded.
- The Sustainability Division will review applications and decide upon awardees and reimbursement amounts.
- Reimbursement will be capped at \$5,000 per awardee. The majority of the project must be completed before reimbursement is given. Applicants must agree to a site visit before reimbursement is given.
- Awardees will be required to sign a contract and must apply to the MD Green Registry to become part of the Green Bowie Business Program.

Examples of projects are:

- Equipment replacements with EnergyStar Certified equipment including high efficiency heating and cooling (HVAC), heat pump water heaters, dishwashers, lighting, clothes washers, electric dryers, and refrigeration
- Addition of ceiling fans
- LED lightbulb installations/retrofits
- Installation of solar panels
- Installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure
- Improvements to the building envelope that increases energy efficiency such as insulation, air sealing, and replacement of inefficient windows

Purchase of small appliances such as microwaves, vacuums, printers, and coffee makers are not eligible. Questions? Contact Ashleigh Diaz or visit [www.cityofbowie.org/sustaingrants](http://www.cityofbowie.org/sustaingrants) to apply today!

# SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS FOR BUSINESSES

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**A Reimbursement Program**

Bowie small businesses looking to improve emissions, energy efficiency, or sustainability efforts may be eligible.



## LEARN MORE

-  Ashleigh Diaz,  
Sustainability Manager
-  301-809-3044 (*Office*)  
301-467-7008 (*Cell*)
-  [adiaz@cityofbowie.org](mailto:adiaz@cityofbowie.org)
-  [www.cityofbowie.org/sustaingrants](http://www.cityofbowie.org/sustaingrants)

## Youth & Family Services Offers Winter Psychoeducational Groups

Bowie Youth & Family Services offers a variety of psychoeducational groups that focus on educating participants on practical life skills such as parenting, managing stress, and improving relationships. Upcoming groups include:

- **“Calm, Confident Kids” (CCK)**  
This group is designed to help school-aged children, 7 – 10 years old, develop strategies for managing worries. Kids will talk about various worries and anxieties. They will learn and practice strategies for coping to help them overcome fears and remain calm.
- **“Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder” (ADHD)**  
The ADHD Group focuses on the “art of survival” for parents and to help school-aged children, 7 - 11 years old, with or without a diagnosis, with or without hyperactivity. Register today at [www.cityofbowie.org/ysfform](http://www.cityofbowie.org/ysfform).

For more information on other groups visit [www.cityofbowie.org/yfsgroups](http://www.cityofbowie.org/yfsgroups).

## Get Involved with the Arts Committee or Education Committee

Are you supportive of education and teachers? Do you have school-age (or soon to be school-age) children? Are you artistic, creative, or appreciate art? Our Arts and Education Committees are in search of new members to help complete their many fun and important projects throughout the year.

The Arts Committee supports local artists and promotes arts in the City. The committee curates four gallery exhibitions and juries work of local artists. The committee reviews grant applications and recommends applicants for grant funding and awards college scholarships to high school seniors planning to pursue a four-year degree in an arts related field of study. The committee also recommends art submissions for the City’s Public Art program.

The Education Committee supports Bowie school communities. The committee hosts the annual Excellence in Education Teacher/Staff Awards and presents scholarships to high school seniors planning to pursue a four-year degree. The committee manages the citywide Education Grant program, providing financial support to educational activities and projects. They also manage the Academic Travel Grant, assisting academic teams participate in regional or national competitions.

Both committees host special events and participate in citywide festivals such as Bowiefest, the Memorial Day Parade and National Night Out Against Crime. Meetings are being held virtually and easy for all to attend. Joining a committee is as simple as filling out a quick application, having a brief interview, and then being appointed/sworn in.

For more information, contact Lori Cunningham, Staff Liaison, at [lcunningham@cityofbowie.org](mailto:lcunningham@cityofbowie.org) or 240-544-5601, or the City Clerk at [cityclerk@cityofbowie.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3029.



## Submit Nominations for Hall of Honor

In 1991, the Hall of Honor was developed to recognize citizens of Bowie who made “major and lasting contributions” to the City. The first inductees were honored in 1994. A nominee must:

- be deceased for at least one year as of the nomination deadline;
- have made both a major and lasting contribution to the City of Bowie;
- have been a resident of the City of Bowie either during the time of his/her contribution or at the time of death.

The City’s Community Outreach Committee reviews all applications. After an honoree is approved, a reception is held in the inductee’s honor and a plaque is hung in the front lobby of City Hall.

For more information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or email [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org). Nomination forms are available at [www.cityofbowie.org/hallofhonor](http://www.cityofbowie.org/hallofhonor). The deadline to receive nominations for 2023 Hall of Honor inductions is Monday, **March 6** at 5 p.m. at Bowie City Hall.

## Winter Preparedness

Winter is here! While snow may be beautiful, the season comes with risks and hazards that we should all be prepared for.

- **Vehicles:** Prepare your home and car by having emergency supply kits. These kits should include jumper cables, a flashlight (with extra batteries), warm clothes, blankets, bottled water, and non-perishable foods.
- **Warming Centers:** In the event of a power outage or heat loss, Prince George’s County or the City of Bowie may open a warming center here. Information will be shared on social media, via [Alert Bowie](#) and at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).
- **Generators:** If you own a generator, ensure that you are familiar with how to use it properly and safely. Make sure to have it outside of your house and make sure you have an up-to-date carbon monoxide alarm within the home.
- **Stay Safe Outdoors:** Know the [signs of hypothermia and frostbite](#) and how to treat them in case of an emergency. If you must go outside when temperatures are frigid, do not overexert yourself and wear multiple layers of warm clothing.
- **Keep Informed:** Follow your local news stations, the National Weather Service, and be sure to sign up for [Alert Bowie](#) to receive information about winter storm warnings, watches, or weather advisories in our area and to get the latest news on what’s happening in Bowie.

For additional information regarding winter weather safety and preparedness, visit [www.ready.gov/winter-weather](http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather). In the event of a winter weather storm, Bowie specific news and information will be posted to the [city website](#), on our social media accounts, and on Bowie Government TV. It will also be sent out via Alert Bowie and shared with local news channels. And you can call City Hall at 301-262-6200 to get the latest updates.

## IS YOUR FAMILY PREPARED FOR WINTER WEATHER?

HERE ARE OUR TOP 5 TIPS

1

Prepare emergency supply kits for your car and home



2

Prevent hypothermia and frostbite by dressing in several warm layers



3

Ensure your generator is working and placed outside the home



4

In case of a power outage, look for news about warming centers



5

Keep informed about local news and weather advisories



## Maryland Hospital Association Reports Hospitals Near Capacity Again

Hospitals in the state are almost at capacity due in part to “another steep uptick in Marylanders needing hospitalization for COVID.” The Maryland Department of Health reported 896 people hospitalized with COVID on Friday, January 6. The hospital association said most hospitals are more than 90% full and many are at 100% capacity. The association hopes those with less severe illnesses will go to primary care physicians or urgent care centers rather than emergency rooms. They urge Marylanders to get boosted, get a flu shot, and social distance when sick.

## COVID Update

Each US household is eligible for four at-home tests this winter. Kits started being mailed to those who requested them on December 19, 2022. If you have not already done so, visit <https://special.usps.com/testkits> to place your order for free at-home COVID-19 tests.

## 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](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobs) for links to job postings.

### Open until January 13

- [Building Maintenance Supervisor](#) – Community Services
- [Assistant Director of Public Works](#) – Public Works Department

**Open until January 27**

- [Building Maintenance Worker I](#) – Community Services

**Open until filled**

- [Entry Level Police Officer](#) – Police Department
- [Communications Specialist II](#) – Police Department
- [Solid Waste Collector](#) – Public Works Department
- [Part time Gymnasium Attendant](#) – Community Services
- [Part time Ice Arena Attendant](#) – Community Services

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

**Refer Someone to the Bowie Police Department; Receive \$1,000**

Know someone who would make a great police officer? Refer them! If we hire them on, you get \$1,000. Referring party's name must be on the recruit's application as a referral. Payment will be made upon the new hire's first day of Field Training. Don't wait. Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/policejobs](http://www.cityofbowie.org/policejobs) to make your referral and help our community safer.



**EMPATHY, INTEGRITY  
HONOR, RESPECT**

**BUT ENOUGH ABOUT US.  
TELL US ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS!**

BOWIE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
[WWW.CITYOFBOWIE.ORG/POLICE](http://WWW.CITYOFBOWIE.ORG/POLICE)

**REFER A CANDIDATE!  
IF WE HIRE THEM,  
YOU GET  
\$1,000**

**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

**Friday, January 13**

- [Senior Program: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Program](#) Postponed to 2/3, 10 a.m.
- [Kid's Kaboose at Bowie Railroad Museum](#) | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**Saturday, January 14**

- [Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Contest Program](#) | 10 - 11 a.m.

**Monday, January 16**

- [Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday](#) City Holiday: Offices closed

**Tuesday, January 17**

- [Regular City Council Meeting](#) | 8 - 10 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 18**

- [Senior Program: Better Day Live Chat! - Self Care Session](#) | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, January 24**

- [Tanglewood Property Stakeholders Meeting](#) | 7 - 9 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 25**

- [Fairy Tale Fun at Belair Mansion](#) | 10 - 11 a.m.

Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/calendar](http://www.cityofbowie.org/calendar) for details about other upcoming events sponsored by the City.