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The Electronics Recycling event originally scheduled in January will now take place on **February 10** from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Public Works Solid Waste/Recycling Building Parking Lot (16500 Annapolis Road). Residents can bring electronics for recycling at no charge. Please note that hard drives will be accepted, but shredding will not occur onsite. Contact Carissa Sullivan at csullivan@cityofbowie.org or call 301-809-2339 with questions. To view a complete list of accepted items/electronics, visit www.cityofbowie.org/151/Public-Works.



**ELECTRONICS
RECYCLING EVENT**

FEBRUARY 10
8 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PARKING LOT
(16500 ANNAPOLIS RD.)
301-809-2339**

“Inspired by the Masters” Art Exhibition

The Bowie Arts Committee (BAC) is hosting an art exhibit by local artists at City Hall. The theme for this exhibit is “Inspired by the Masters,” showcasing original artwork inspired by a renowned artist, historical period, or an artistic movement. The gallery is open **February 10** through **May 18**. For more information, visit <http://www.cityofbowie.org/artists>.

DAR Lecture: Maryland Historical Trust

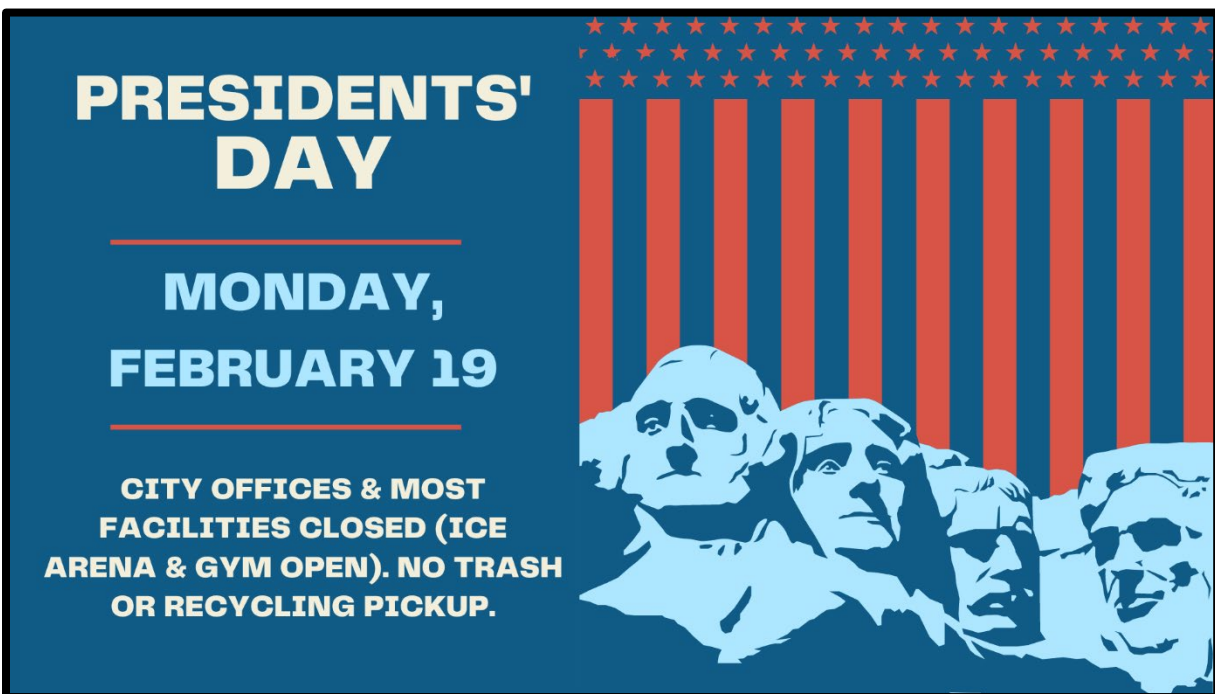
The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) have partnered with the City of Bowie Historic Properties to bring a monthly lecture series to Bowie. This month’s lecture is on **February 13** at 7 p.m. at the Belair Mansion. Heather Barrett, administrator of Architectural Research at the Maryland Historical Trust, will speak about the 90-plus-year-old group. The Maryland Historic Trust is the state’s oldest, largest, and most effective preservation organization and remains at the forefront of the preservation movement.

Figure Skating Competition

Come support local figure skaters of all ages and levels as they compete on **February 17 and 18** from 1:30 to 7 p.m. at the Bowie Ice Arena. Skaters from Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey will compete in individual and team events. The event is free and open to the public. The Ice Arena is cold so be sure to dress accordingly.

Presidents' Day Holiday

City offices, the Senior Center, and City Museums are closed for the President's Day holiday on **February 19**. However, the Bowie Gymnasium and Ice Arena are open on the holiday. There is no trash or recycling service on this date. Service will resume on the next regularly scheduled pickup day.



Coffee with a Cop

Stop by the Starbucks at Free State Shopping Center for a cup of java and conversation with officers from the Bowie Police Department on **February 21** from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. It's a great way to engage with the men and women who serve and protect our community.

Workforce Development Program

The City of Bowie will present a free online workforce development course this spring for City residents aged 15 to 25. This program will cover life skills, STEM careers, and innovation and entrepreneurship. Participants will meet online one night a week for six weeks in April and May. Learn more about the program during an online meeting on **February 21**. Contact Program Coordinator Kay Starr at worktraining@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3009 for details.

Black History Month

The City of Bowie invites you to learn more about the role African Americans played in Bowie, Prince George's County, and Maryland history. Visit <http://www.cityofbowie.org/blackhistorymonth> for ways you can commemorate this month-long celebration.



Green Citizen Award Nominations

The Green Citizen Award is back! Nominate a friend, family member, or neighbor who is making extraordinary contributions to our environment. They may own an electronic vehicle (EV) or solar panels, educate their neighbors, have installed a rain garden, or volunteer with the Green Team at “green” events. All these actions are eligible for nominations.

There are some restrictions on who can be nominated. The nominee cannot:

- have already won;
- be employed by the City of Bowie;
- be on a City Committee (Green Team volunteers NOT on the executive committee, but on a subgroup ARE eligible).

Nominations will be accepted until February 29. Visit www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie or contact Sustainability Manager Ashleigh Diaz at adiaz@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044 to learn more.

Bowie Love Stories

Love is in the air! The City of Bowie not only loves history, but it also loves stories. Does your love story originate in Bowie? If so, complete this form at www.cityofbowie.org/sharestories and tell us how it all began. We’d like to compile an oral history featuring Bowie residents.

Plastic Bag Ban

The Better Bag initiative is now in effect (as of **January 1**). All stores and restaurants in Prince George's County are prohibited from providing single-use plastic bags at checkout. Bring your own bags to help protect the environment and reduce litter. Stores can sell paper bags but must charge at least 10 cents each. Learn more about the "Better Bag Bill" ([CB-32-2023](#)) and the County's "[Bag it Right](#)" campaign.

Keep Connected with Alert Bowie

The City of Bowie sends out text messages, emails, and occasional robo-calls, to anyone who has signed up for Alert Bowie to keep them informed about what's happening in the city. Receive the latest information about city events, service updates, road closures, and occasional crime or traffic alerts by registering for this free service. Visit <http://www.cityofbowie.org/alerts> or call 301-809-3032.

New Food Waste Drop-off Site

A new option is available for residents interested in participating in the food waste curbside program but currently residing outside the designated program area. There are two 65-gallon bins located behind the Kenhill Center exclusively for food waste drop-off. Bring loose or unbagged food scraps and toss them into the bins. Contact Ashleigh Diaz at 301-809-3044 or adiaz@cityofbowie.org with questions and visit www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie for a list of acceptable food items. Watch the video below for additional tips on composting.



Hall of Honor

In 1991, the Hall of Honor was created to recognize those citizens of Bowie who have made “major and lasting contributions” to the City. The first inductees were honored in 1994.

A nominee to the Hall of Honor 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.

You can nominate a family member at www.cityofbowie.org/hallofhonor. The nomination deadline is **March 4** by 5 p.m.

Job Openings

Visit our Job Vacancies page at www.cityofbowie.org/jobs to view job announcements and submit an online application.

If you have questions or require assistance with applying for jobs, please email the City of Bowie Human Resources Office at humanresources@cityofbowie.org or call 240-544-5613.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

February 9

- [Kid’s Kaboose](#) | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- [Bowie Playhouse: “Urinetown the Musical”](#) | 8 – 10 p.m. (The play runs weekends from **February 9 to March 2.**)

February 10

- [Electronics Recycling Event](#) | 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Public Works, 16500 Annapolis Road)

February 13

- [Senior Program: African American Barbering in America 1600 - 1860](#) | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- [DAR Series: Maryland Historical Trust Lecture](#) | 7 – 8 p.m.

February 16

- [Senior Program: Presidential Memorabilia Display](#) | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

February 17/18

- [Bowie Ice Arena Valentine’s Figure Skating Competition](#) | 1:30 – 7 p.m.

February 19

- [Presidents’ Day – City Holiday](#)

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