

# Bowie Spotlight

The Official Newsletter of the City of Bowie

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## City Election Day - Tuesday, November 5, 2013 Polls Open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

The City of Bowie will hold an election on Tuesday, **November 5, 2013** to elect members of the City Council consisting of a Mayor and six Councilmembers to hold office for a term of two years. Each registered voter may cast a total of four votes. All City voters may vote for Mayor and two at-large Councilmembers. Voters in each district may also vote for a district Councilmember. There is also an advisory question regarding the length of City Council terms of office on the ballot.

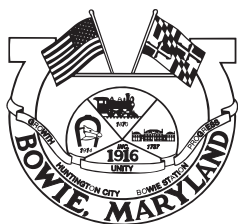
For example, a registered voter living in the Kenilworth section of the City may vote for Mayor, two at-large Councilmembers, and one district Councilmember to represent District 2. While the entire City will elect the Mayor and two at-large Councilmembers, only the residents of a specific district may elect the Councilmember to represent that district.

Please check inside this newsletter for information on Absentee Ballots and Polling Places, and to view a Sample Ballot.

For additional information about the City Election, please contact the City Clerk at 301-809-3029 or [ahernandez@cityofbowie.org](mailto:ahernandez@cityofbowie.org), or visit the City's website at [www.cityof-bowie.org/elections](http://www.cityof-bowie.org/elections).

### Who Can Vote?

If you are a registered voter in Prince George's County and your voter registration card specifies your current City of Bowie address, you may vote in this City election. Only those registered to vote as of **October 4, 2013** may vote in this election. To determine if you are eligible to vote, please contact the City Clerk at 301-809-3029.



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## City Election News

### Polling Places for 2013

The City is divided into four election districts. There are two polling places in each district. Voters must vote at the polling place assigned to their neighborhood. Polling places are different than those used for the general election and a couple of polling places have changed since the last City election. Please take a moment to review the list of neighborhoods assigned to each polling place on **Page 3**. Voters will also receive a postcard from the Prince George's County Board of Elections, indicating where they should vote in this City election.

### Electronic Voting Machines

City voters will vote using electronic touchscreen voting machines. These electronic voting screens are user friendly, easy to read and wheelchair accessible. They also have the potential to speed up the Election Day process because these machines will electronically tabulate votes.

### Absentee Ballots Available

In accordance with Section 6-30 of the City Code, any qualified voter of the City may apply for an absentee voting ballot. Applications are available from the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, or on the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org/elections](http://www.cityofbowie.org/elections). There is also a copy in this issue.

Application for an absentee ballot must be made in writing and signed by the applicant. If the applicant is unable to sign, the application must bear the mark of the applicant and the signature of two (2) witnesses. The application must be presented to the City Board of Elections in person or by mail to 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, Maryland 20716, no later than 5 p.m. on November 4th.

When the application is received by mail, the City Clerk will issue the absentee voting ballot by return mail; when the application is presented in person, the City Clerk will issue the absentee voting ballot to the voter or duly authorized agent. Persons receiving absentee ballots will also be furnished official self-addressed return envelopes for use in returning the marked ballots. Only those ballots received in official return envelopes shall be counted and considered properly cast. Absentee ballots must be received by the Board of Elections by the close of polls at 8 p.m. on November 5, 2013.

### Need Help Getting to the Polls?

The Bowie Senior Center bus transportation service will be available for **seniors 55 and older, and for handicapped citizens**, for the City Election on November 5. Shuttle service will be provided to the Pin Oak, Evergreen and Willows senior communities from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For others, service will be provided from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Election Day. Please call the Senior Center at **301-809-2324** by Friday, November 1st to make arrangements.


### Posting Election Signs

No sign may be placed, displayed or erected within the public right-of-way (generally the first 11 feet from the curb) or on any public property within the City of Bowie. Permission from the property owner must be obtained prior to installation or display of any sign(s) on private property. All signs placed in violation of City, County or State laws and regulations will be removed and disposed of by City Code Compliance Officers.

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<b>City Election Polling Places</b>			
<b>District</b>	<b>Neighborhood</b>		<b>Polling Place</b> (Polls Open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.)
<b>1A</b>	Belair Greens* Bowie Station Horsepen Ridge Huntington Huntington Crest Northridge	Old Chapel* Ray's Wood Rockledge* Rolling Hills Whitehall*	Huntington Community Center 13022 8th Street
<b>1B</b>	Belair Town Chapel Forge Heartfields (Asst. Living) Idlewild Meadowbrook (north of Millstream Drive)	Overbrook Saddlebrook Saddlebrook West Sumner Chase Victoria Heights Yorktown	Cornerstone Assembly of God Church 16010 Annapolis Road
<b>2A</b>	Bowie Forest Fairview Glenridge Grady's Walk Highbridge Park	Meadowbrook (south and west of Millstream Drive) Somerset* Stewart's Landing Tulip Grove*	Christian Community Presbyterian Church 3120 Belair Drive
<b>2B</b>	Buckingham Derbyshire Forest Hills	Foxhill Long Ridge* Kenilworth	Kenhill Center 2614 Kenhill Drive
<b>3A</b>	Allen Pond Bowie Commons Dixon Crossing Evergreen Apartments (Seniors) Northview Princeton Square Princeton Square Addition Oak Pond	Old Stage Spring Meadows Summerville (Asst. Living) Westview The Willows (Seniors) Woodmore Estates Woodmore Highlands	Bowie Gymnasium 4100 Northview Drive
<b>3B</b>	Archstone Apartments Bowie Towers Covington (north of Excalibur Road) Enfield Chase Ensleigh Essington Evergreen Estates	Heather Hills Heather Ridge Apartments Longleaf Palisades Pin Oak Village Vistas Woodland Lake	Bowie City Hall 15901 Excalibur Road
<b>4A</b>	Amber Meadows Amber Meadows II Ashleigh (Mt. Oak Road) Covington (south of Excalibur Road)	Glen Allen Lake Village Manor Mitchellville East Oaktree Pointer Ridge	South Bowie Community Center 1717 Pittsfield Lane
<b>4B</b>	Ashleigh Ashleigh Station Collington Manor Collington Ridge Collington Station Devonshire Estates	Graystone Grovehurst Ridgeview Estates* Tall Oaks Crossing Ternberry Woodmore at Oakcreek	Collington Station HOA 375 Johnsberg Lane (at the corner of Jennings Mill and Johnsberg Lanes)

\*Denotes neighborhoods moved to new voting sub districts.

<p><b>November 5, 2013</b></p> <p><b>SAMPLE BALLOT</b></p> <p>Polls Open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.</p> 	<p><b>MAYOR</b> (Vote for One)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Richard A. <b>DAHMS</b></li> <li>G. Frederick <b>ROBINSON</b></li> <li>_____</li> <li>Write-in</li> </ul>	<p><b>COUNCILMEMBER AT-LARGE</b> (Vote for Two)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dennis <b>BRADY</b></li> <li>Todd M. <b>TURNER</b></li> <li>_____</li> <li>Write-in</li> <li>_____</li> <li>Write-in</li> </ul>
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<p><b>COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 1</b> (Vote for One)</p>	<p><b>COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 3</b> (Vote for One)</p>
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<p>Elected Only by District 1 Voters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>James L. <b>MARCOS</b></li> <li>_____</li> <li>Write-in</li> </ul>	<p>Elected Only by District 3 Voters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Babatunde <b>ALEGBELEYE</b></li> <li>Henri <b>GARDNER</b></li> <li>_____</li> <li>Write-in</li> </ul>
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<p><b>COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 2</b> (Vote for One)</p>	<p><b>COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 4</b> (Vote for One)</p>
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<p>Elected Only by District 2 Voters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diane M. <b>POLANGIN</b></li> <li>_____</li> <li>Write-in</li> </ul>	<p>Elected Only by District 4 Voters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isaac C. <b>TROUTH</b></li> <li>_____</li> <li>Write-in</li> </ul>
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**Advisory Question:**

**Do you support four-year terms for the Mayor and City Council?**

**Yes**
                         
  **No**

# City of Bowie Election Tuesday, November 5, 2013 - Absentee Voter Application

(See below copy of Section 6-30 of the Bowie City Code Re: Absentee Voting Generally)



BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF  
THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND  
15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716

I, \_\_\_\_\_ residing at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

being a qualified voter in City Election District No.\_\_\_\_, do hereby apply for an absentee ballot for the City of Bowie Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, in the City of Bowie, Maryland.

In Witness of the Truth of the Statement made above, I hereunto affix my signature  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Voter's Signature

Please Return My Ballot to the Following Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**By order of the City of Bowie Board of Elections this form may not be duplicated.**

## **Bowie City Code Sec. 6-30. Absentee voting generally.**

- (a) Any qualified voter of the City, may vote as an absentee voter in any general or special election.
- (b) The application for an absentee voting ballot must be made in writing and signed by the applicant or, if the applicant is unable to sign shall bear the mark of the applicant and the signature of two (2) witnesses. The application must be presented to the Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before the Election, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. It may be presented by mail or delivered in person by the voter or the applicant's duly authorized agent. A voter may designate a duly authorized agent by any signed writing to that effect or if the applicant cannot sign then the writing shall bear the applicant's mark and the signature of two (2) witnesses. Whenever the board has received an application for an absentee voting ballot it shall issue to the applicant an absentee voting ballot.
- (c) When the application is received by mail, the board shall issue the absentee voting ballot by return mail; when the application is presented in person by the voter or duly authorized agent, the board shall issue the absentee voting ballot to the voter or duly authorized agent at the time of application.
- (d) Persons receiving absentee ballots shall also be furnished an official self-addressed return envelope for use in returning the marked ballots. Only those ballots returned in an official return envelope shall be counted and considered properly cast.
- (e) All absentee voting ballots must be received by the time of the close of the polls on election day. The ballots are to remain in the unopened official return envelope in which they are received and be placed in any ballot box which is designated for the purpose of storing absentee ballots until they are to be counted. Ballots returned in any envelope other than the official return envelope shall be destroyed and not counted.
- (f) The board shall open all absentee ballots only after all the polling places have been closed. Absentee ballots are thereafter to be opened, approved as to form, and totaled. The grand total of the ballots cast at the polling places and the ballots cast in absentia shall thereafter be added together and included in any official election result as determined by the board.
- (g) Absentee ballots are to be preserved in the same manner as prescribed for any other election ballots in section 34 of the City Charter. (Sec. 6-30(a) amended by O-4-13, adopted 6/17/13, effective 7/17/13)

## Bowie Food Pantry Has a New Home

The Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry has moved and is now located at the Kenhill Center (2614 Kenhill Drive). It is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 - 11 a.m. as well as from 6 - 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month for food distribution and to accept donations. There are also collection containers near each of the front doors at the Kenhill Center, at the Bowie City Gym and in the lobby of the Senior Center where you may drop nonperishable food, paper goods and personal items.

The Community Outreach Committee appreciates the generosity of community members in support of their efforts to collect food and other items for the Pantry. Your donations, at the International Festival this past October and at all other times of the year, really make a difference! Tax deductible contributions and grocery store gift cards are also a great way to donate. Checks may be written to the Bowie Food Pantry and sent to their new address 2614 Kenhill Drive, Suite 134, Bowie, MD 20715. For more information, visit the Pantry website at [www.Bowiefoodpantry.org](http://www.Bowiefoodpantry.org) or contact them at 301-262-6765 or [BowieFoodPantry@gmail.com](mailto:BowieFoodPantry@gmail.com).

## Community Outreach Grants Awarded

Each year the City Council appropriates funds to be used to support community groups that offer programs that provide a needed service to residents of Bowie. The Community Outreach Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the 2013-2014 Grant Program:

**Family Caregiver Program for Seniors: It's a Family Affair; Family and Community Working Together** This program will provide four workshops held in various locations within the City to provide training and resources for caregivers and first responders to help reduce stress and provide better service to seniors with illnesses and disabilities.

**Grief and Loss Counseling for Senior Citizens at the Bowie Senior Center** This is a program, hosted at the Bowie Senior Center, where a licensed counselor works in concert with the Senior Center staff and through publicity in the local media to identify seniors who have suffered a loss and provide free counseling services to help them heal.

**Fun Run and Walk for Kids** This program will be a fun fitness day held April 12th at the Bowie High School track where youth ages 5-16 will have the opportunity to participate in a half-day of fun fitness activities. It will also teach youth about the importance of staying fit, participating in physical activities, and healthy eating.

## Wanted: A Few Good Men

Volunteers are needed for the City's Prevention Network, Teen Mentoring Program. Volunteers spend one hour weekly, during lunch break, with a student at Bowie High School. Through this program students receive the support of a caring adult, and the mentors receive the satisfaction of helping students build personal confidence and develop strategies to navigate the challenges of the teen years and achieve success in high school.

The Teen Mentoring Program has been helping teens at Bowie High School for more than twelve years. The need for teens to experience and benefit from significant, positive adult relationships has never been greater. At this time, the Program is in need of several men willing to mentor male students who have already applied to the program and are awaiting a mentor. This is a tremendous opportunity to make a meaningful difference in a young person's life. These young men have reached out for help and support and we do not want to disappoint them.

You can help by contacting Program Coordinator Rhonda Simon at 240-671-5382 or Prevention Coordinator Andra Berry at 301-809-3033 or email [mentor@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mentor@cityofbowie.org).



## Bowie Police Department Hosts Annual "Shop With A Cop"

In December, the Bowie Police Department will host its fourth annual "Shop With A Cop" event, a nationally recognized program that helps less fortunate children and families during the holiday season. With community support, the Bowie Police Department will help make children smile and let them know that others care.

Through donations received, children (referred through local agencies, churches, and schools) are given a pre-set spending limit to purchase holiday gifts for their loved ones. Children are accompanied by a uniformed officer who will assist them with their holiday purchases at a designated store. Afterwards, the kids are served a delicious lunch made available through donations received from local restaurants. Donor contributions continue to make this program a successful one for the children.

Donations may be directed to the Bowie Police Department, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716. All donations are tax deductible. For more information about this program, please contact Sergeant Henderson at 301-575-1824. Your consideration is greatly appreciated!

## Donate to Toys for Tots

Join the Bowie Police Department to help make this Christmas special for local children. Please donate new unwrapped toys to Toys for Tots. Donations will be accepted at City Hall and other City facilities. For more information, please contact Sergeant Henderson at 301-575-1824.

## Christmas Trees

Trees will be picked up every **Wednesday in January** with yard waste. Please make sure that all lights and decorations are removed from the tree. Do **not** put tree in a plastic bag. Place your tree at the curb by 7 a.m.



## What's Bouncing at the City Gym

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

**November 21, 2 - 8 p.m.** Please visit [www.redcross.org/Donation](http://www.redcross.org/Donation) or call 1-800-Red Cross to register.

**Saturday Fun with Santa December 14, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.** Come meet Mr. and Mrs. Claus! The program includes games, moon bounces, face painting, music, refreshments, pictures with Santa and more. The cost is \$3 per child or a donation of an unwrapped gift for Toys for Tots.

**Senior Fit Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 - 10 a.m.** The exercise program is sponsored by Holy Cross Hospital. For registration, please contact the Hospital at 301-754-7895.

**Recreational Volleyball Fridays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Players of all levels are invited. Enjoy an opportunity to get some exercise and meet new friends! No experience needed.

**Morning Walking Program Weekdays, 8:30 - 10 a.m.** Come walk indoors and enjoy the benefit of a climate controlled facility. Circle the Gym 11 times and you've walked a mile.

**Sport 4 All Monday, 6 - 7 p.m.** is Volleyball/Sporty Kids. **Tuesday, 6 - 7 p.m.** is Sport 4 All Basketball. For registration or additional information, please go to [www.Sport4All.org](http://www.Sport4All.org).

The City Gymnasium rents rooms for birthday parties, meetings, showers, etc. Our comfortable rooms can hold up to forty people for an event. For available dates and additional information, please contact the City Gym at **301-809-2388**.

## Maryland Fertilizer Restrictions Began

### October 1, 2013

Maryland passed a new fertilizer law that took effect on October 1, 2013. The law is in response to continuing efforts to improve the quality of the Chesapeake Bay. Lawn fertilizers contain harmful ingredients (nitrogen and phosphorus) that wreak havoc on our local water resources. It will affect home fertilizer users along with manufacturers, distributors, and lawn care professionals.

Homeowners that hire lawn care professionals and those who fertilize themselves should in particular pay attention to the following new restrictions:

- Homeowners must follow University of Maryland fertilizer recommendations when applying nitrogen to lawns.
- No fertilizer applications to impervious surfaces or frozen ground.
- No fertilizer applications within 15 feet of waterways. This setback is reduced to ten feet if a drop spreader, rotary spreader with deflector or targeted spray liquid is used to apply the fertilizer.
- No lawn fertilizer may be applied between December 1 and March 1. From November 16 through December 1, only water soluble nitrogen (no slow release) may be applied to lawns at a maximum rate of 1/2 pound per 1,000 square feet.
- A single application may not exceed 0.9 pound total nitrogen per 1,000 square feet and 0.7 pound of soluble nitrogen per 1,000 square feet, except when using enhanced efficiency fertilizer.
- Fertilizers may not be used to deice walkways and driveways.
- Do not fertilize if heavy rain is predicted.
- Phosphorus may only be applied to lawns when indicated by soil test results or when the homeowner is establishing, patching or renovating a lawn.

For more information on the new fertilizer restrictions, view the entire Maryland's Lawn Fertilizer Fact Sheet at [http://mda.maryland.gov/resource\\_conservation/Documents/fertilizerwebpage.pdf](http://mda.maryland.gov/resource_conservation/Documents/fertilizerwebpage.pdf).

## Weed Warrior Update

We have had three successful Weed Warrior events this summer. Thank you very much to the 33 volunteers that donated over 80 hours of their own time to cut English Ivy. We are making a real difference in removing harmful invasive species from Whitemarsh Park. If you haven't joined us yet, there will be many more chances to volunteer including November 17 from 2 - 4:30 p.m. Please come out and join us! Registration is required.

Contact Tiffany Wright at [twright@cityof-bowie.org](mailto:twright@cityof-bowie.org) or 301-809-3043 to register or visit [www.cityofbowie.org/weedwarriors](http://www.cityofbowie.org/weedwarriors) for more information.

## Community Climate Action Series:

### Save Energy at Home or Office

Come and learn about how you can save money and energy at home and at work. We have invited energy efficiency experts to present on the evening of November 20 at 7 p.m. (Kenhill Center, Room 121). This is the second of a three-part discussion series that focuses on what Bowie as a community can do to reduce its impact on climate change. Also, stay tuned for part three of the series, "Bikes, Trails and Public Transit" which will be held sometime in mid-January. For updates on the series, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie](http://www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie).





## Bowie Emergency Preparedness Guide

Whether it's a fire, a tree falling on your home, a blizzard, or a tornado, emergencies can and do happen at the most inconvenient times, and very often without warning. They can't always be prevented, but with a little forethought and planning, their effects can often be minimized.

Emergency planning and preparation are everyone's responsibility. The City of Bowie has an emergency plan and will respond to emergencies within its borders, but your personal emergency plan is the key to your well-being and safety.

Your plans should consist of an emergency kit, a family communications plan, and contingency plans for family members with special needs and for your pets. Individuals must be able to survive on their own for at least 72 hours with adequate food, water and supplies following a disaster. Having a first aid kit and knowing basic first aid and CPR can also be helpful in maintaining your family's safety.

We encourage you to spend time reading the information on these pages. Then we hope you'll take some simple, but important steps to be prepared in the event of a disaster. You'll be glad you did!

### Important Telephone Numbers

Keep this list handy and if you have a cell phone, add these numbers to your phone contacts.

#### **Police, Fire/EMS**

Emergencies: **911**

Non-emergency calls for Police service:

**301-352-1200**

Bowie Police Department Administrative

Offices: **301-575-2480** (M-F, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

#### **Bowie City Government**

City Hall: **301-262-6200 (TTY 301-262-5013)**

After-hours emergency service (water main breaks, sewer backups, etc.): **1-888-296-3821**

#### **Utilities**

BGE - Power outages: **1-877-778-2222**

Downed wires: **1-800-685-0123**

City of Bowie Water Service: **301-262-6200**

Comcast: **1-800-934-6489**

Verizon: **1-800-483-7988**

Washington Gas Emergencies: **1-800-752-7520**  
or **703-750-1400**

WSSC Emergencies: **301-206-4002**

### Basic Emergency Supplies Checklist

- Water, one gallon per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio
- Flashlight and battery operated lantern
- First aid kit
- Whistle, to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps
- Cell phone with car or solar chargers
- Medications and glasses
- Necessary supplies for babies, pets and those with special needs
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Important family documents
- Fire extinguisher

To see how prepared you really are, take our Preparedness Test at [www.cityofbowie.org/preptest](http://www.cityofbowie.org/preptest).

## Bowie Emergency Preparedness Guide

### Taking Care of Valuables and Important Documents

Emergency preparedness is more than just having supplies on hand before the next hurricane or blizzard strikes. It's also about being prepared for the smaller scale emergencies like fire, a burst pipe, or a sewer backup that might affect only your home or your family. These incidents are more common and can often be just as devastating or more devastating than a storm.

#### Insurance

Read your homeowner's or renter's insurance policy. Know what your deductible is. Ask "what if" questions of your agent, such as "If I have a fire in my house, will you replace my belongings?" "What documentation will I need to get items replaced?" "Am I insured against sewer backups?" and "What incidents are excluded from my coverage?"

The Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) has published the *Consumer Guide to Homeowners Insurance* and *An Insurance Preparedness Guide for National Disasters*. These publications are available at City Hall or from the MIA by calling 1-800-492-6116 or by downloading them from the MIA website at [www.mdinsurance.state.md.us](http://www.mdinsurance.state.md.us).

#### Valuables

Create a written or photographic record or inventory of your valuables and store it in a safe deposit box or other off-site location. Consider also keeping a copy on a CD or flash drive in your disaster kit, so that you can provide it to your insurance company following a loss; this will allow you to start the insurance/recovery process more quickly.

#### Vital Records

Scan important records such as vital records, medical records, and financial documents, and save the files on disk or flash drive. You may also want to password-protect the data you have stored in case of loss or theft. Store the backup records in a safe deposit box or other off-site location.

If you have too many records or no way to scan/copy them, store them in a flood/fireproof home safe or a safe deposit box. Also consider giving backup copies of important documentation to family members to store for you.

Need more help? Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/emergencies](http://www.cityofbowie.org/emergencies) for a link to a FEMA publication entitled "Emergency Financial First Aid Kit".

### Alert Bowie

**Be Informed:** Get up to the minute local emergency information through Alert Bowie, a free service available to individuals who live or work in the Bowie area. Individuals choose how they want to receive messages -- on their mobile phones, pagers, and/or via email. You can also sign up to receive a variety of informational messages from the City of Bowie. To sign up, visit <http://alert.cityofbowie.org>.

### Learn More

Visit the websites below or contact Emergency Manager Alan Creveling at 301-809-3079 or [acreveling@cityofbowie.org](mailto:acreveling@cityofbowie.org) for more information. You can also request that a member of the City's Emergency Management Team speak to your HOA, church, scout troop, or other group about preparedness.

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

Preparedness information for individuals, families, and businesses

[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)

Weather forecasts, alerts, etc.

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

American Red Cross

## Bowie Emergency Preparedness Guide

### How Will You Get Critical Information in an Emergency?

When disaster strikes, the City will use every method it can to communicate with those who live and work here to make sure they know what's happening and what they should be doing.

These methods include:

- City website - [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org)
- Alert Bowie - register at [alert.cityofbowie.org](http://alert.cityofbowie.org)
- Recorded messages on the main City Hall number - 301-262-6200
- Bowie Government Channel - Verizon Channel 10/Comcast Channel 71
- Message boards
- Facebook - [www.facebook.com/bowiemd](http://www.facebook.com/bowiemd)
- Twitter - [@CityofBowie](https://twitter.com/CityofBowie)
- Local radio and television stations

When the power is out, the best ways to obtain information will be via text messages sent to cell phones on the Alert Bowie system, messages posted on the message boards located at major gateways to our city, or by calling City Hall at 301-262-6200.

If for some reason these methods of communication aren't available, the City will post messages on the front doors of all our public buildings. During emergencies, City Hall is staffed around the clock to assist residents.

### Another Way to Get Bowie News

Local media, especially television and radio, are important ways of getting information during and after an emergency.

Sometimes though, when the emergency is region wide, it is challenging to get adequate coverage of Bowie's message, when so many jurisdictions are vying for their share of the news time. For this reason, the City has been working with **WNEW 99.1 FM**, an all news radio station based in the Bowie area, to increase their coverage of Bowie area news but most importantly, to broadcast Bowie's announcements when there's an emergency and we need to provide instructions or information to our residents.

We know that everyone has their own favorite television or radio stations that they tune into, but we hope that if you haven't already, you'll add **WNEW 99.1 FM** to your presets on your car radio and tune in to **WNEW 99.1 FM** for Bowie news, especially when there's an emergency affecting the Bowie area.

### Another Tip ...

Keep paper copies of your important contacts in your wallet or in your car, in the event that you don't have or can't use your cell phone.

### When Sheltering in Place is Not an Option

In general, during a widespread emergency, emergency officials will recommend that residents shelter in place until the danger has passed. However, sometimes an emergency event will prevent residents from staying in their homes. Consider now where you would go if you couldn't stay in your home. Discuss sheltering with a nearby relative or friend, or consider staying at a local hotel. During major events, if conditions warrant it, the City will open up short-term cooling or warming centers at one or more of our facilities. These centers are also places where individuals can charge medical or electronic devices if necessary. The need for full-service shelters, that provide showers, meals and other services are determined on a case by case basis by Prince George's County and will be managed by the American Red Cross.

## Bowie Emergency Preparedness Guide

Once you've got your emergency supplies and plan in place, you will have taken a big step in your personal preparedness. Below are some additional things you should know or do to protect yourself during certain types of severe weather or natural disasters. Learn more about each at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

### Help Prevent Street Flooding

Before any big storm, please help us prevent flooding by clearing the storm drains near your home of leaves, trash, and other debris.

### Snow

- Get where you need to go before the weather gets bad and heed warnings to stay off the roads if conditions are hazardous.
- Make sure your car and your furnace are ready for winter weather.
- Keep a scraper in your car and also a blanket (in case you break down).
- Make sure you have a snow shovel or line up someone now to do your shoveling. Call the Bowie Job Bank for the names of local teens who can be hired to shovel (301-809-3033).

### Hurricanes

Because hurricanes are tracked long before they make landfall, there will usually be time to make preparations. The biggest dangers are wind damage, flooding and power outages.

- Be prepared for extended power outages.
- Listen to a radio or television for hurricane progress reports.
- Fuel car.
- Charge cell phones and other devices.
- Bring in outdoor objects such as lawn furniture, toys, and garden tools and anchor objects that cannot be brought inside.
- Clean out gutters.

### Tornadoes

Plan ahead. Know where you will go at home or work in the event of a tornado. If outside, seek shelter in a sturdy building if you can. If not, lie flat and face-down on low ground, protecting the back of your head with your arms. Get as far away from trees and cars as you can; they may be blown onto you in a tornado. Flying debris is the greatest danger in tornadoes.

#### Signs of a tornado:

- Strong, persistent rotation in the cloud base
- Whirling dust or debris on the ground
- Hail or heavy rain followed by either dead calm or a fast, intense wind shift
- Loud, continuous roar or rumble, which doesn't fade in a few seconds like thunder
- Remember, many tornadoes are wrapped in heavy precipitation and can't be seen.

### Is It a Watch or a Warning?

The National Weather Service (NWS) issues a variety of messages about weather conditions that have the potential to cause problems. Among the most serious messages the agency issues are watches and warnings. Warnings are more serious than watches.

**A tornado watch** means that conditions are favorable for a tornado to form. The NWS is "watching" out for that possibility. Similarly, a severe thunderstorm watch means that conditions are favorable for a severe thunderstorm to develop. Monitor news reports, be ready to move to safety if a warning is issued.

**A tornado warning** means that a tornado has been sighted or is indicated by weather radar. The NWS will issue a warning for the area expected to be in the path of the tornado. The warning indicates immediate danger to life and property. Go immediately to a basement or interior room. Similarly, a severe thunderstorm warning means a thunderstorm with winds and lightning is likely in the warning area.



## Art Gallery News

The City Hall Art Gallery current exhibit is *Figuratively Speaking*. Paintings, photographs and even sculpture are all of people – individually or in groups. The exhibit runs through January 10, 2014.

*Small Works and Miniatures* is the next juried Art Gallery Show. Any artist residing in Maryland, Virginia, or the District of Columbia, 18 years of age and over, may enter no more than two pieces of original art, photography and small sculpture falling under the theme of “Small Works”. Artwork framed dimensions must not be greater than 14” vertically or horizontally and small sculpture should be no larger than 8” in any direction. The Arts Committee is asking for digital image submissions from artists interested in being part of this gallery show. Check the City’s website, [www.cityof-bowie.org](http://www.cityof-bowie.org), for information on how to submit images.

## New Piece of Public Art

City Council recently unanimously approved the design for a new piece of public art that will be mounted on the lobby wall at City Hall. The winning artist is Adam Nelson of Baltimore. The sculpture is an abstract flowing sculpture that the artist anticipates will radiate light across the wall, while at the same time reflect the Chesapeake Bay, a key natural icon for Bowie and the State of Maryland.

Nelson’s work was chosen from a field of 42 submissions. Artists were asked to submit Request for Proposals for the design. The Arts Committee formed a Public Art Selection Subcommittee that recommended unanimously Nelson’s design to Council for approval. The artist expects to install the artwork by the end of January 2014.

For more information, contact the City’s Arts Specialist Annette Esterheld at [aesterheld@city-ofbowie.org](mailto:aesterheld@city-ofbowie.org) or 301-575-5601.

## Bowie Playhouse Presents



### THE COVER OF LIFE -- 11/8 - 11/24

Henry Luce needs a cover story for Life Magazine, and he's found it in Tood, Weetsie and Sybill Cliffert. Intrigued by these three young Louisiana housewives, keeping the home fires burning for their husbands - three brothers who are all off at war - he sends Kate Miller to write his prize story. Fresh off assignment in Europe, Kate resents being assigned to a fluff piece about military wives, but she hasn't landed a cover story yet and ambition is riding her hard. A week with the Clifferts rocks the foundations of Kate's world and all four women walk away changed - for Life and life. Produced by Bowie Community Theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays. For tickets, visit [www.bctheatre.com](http://www.bctheatre.com) or call 301-805-0219.

### A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM -- 12/6 - 12/22

Shakespeare’s classic “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” takes on the universal theme of love and its complications. The plot focuses on three parallel stories: the trials and two experiences of two sets of lovers camping in a magical forest, the world of the Fairy King and Queen and their elves, and a group of ambitious folk who are attempting to stage a theatrical production for the wedding of the Duke of Athens. Produced by Annapolis Shakespeare Company. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and matinees are at 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. For tickets, visit [www.annapolishakespeare.org](http://www.annapolishakespeare.org) or call 410-280-1773.



All performances are on weekends at the Bowie Playhouse, located in Whitmarsh Park, 16500 Whitmarsh Park Drive. For ticket sales and information about the theater groups, please contact the theater companies directly. All companies offer online ticketing.



## No More Plastic Bags for Yard Waste

Beginning January 1, 2014, because of a change in County policy, residents will no longer be able to bag their yard waste, leaves, or Christmas trees in plastic bags. Branches and small limbs, less than four feet long and less than three inches in diameter, can still be bundled into small piles, tied securely, and put at the curb on Wednesdays. All other yard waste must be placed in paper bags or trash cans. Paper grocery bags are acceptable for small amounts of yard waste or large, heavy duty paper bags can be purchased at local hardware stores. Do not use the blue recycling carts or bins for yard waste.

City yard waste is taken to the Prince George's County Yard Waste Composting Facility in Upper Marlboro. Because that facility is banning yard waste in plastic bags as of January 1, 2014 due to environmental concerns, the City must also make this change. While it will take some getting used to, we do think that the change is a good one, and that it will result in less use of plastic bags, which are not biodegradable.

This change applies only to yard waste. Trash may still be put in plastic bags. Questions about this change or about yard waste collection in general should be directed to the Solid Waste Division at 301-809-2344.

## Holiday Tree Lighting and Candlelight at Belair

Belair Mansion's annual **Candlelight Celebration** will be held **Sunday, December 1, from 3 - 7 p.m.** Enjoy a glimpse of over 250 years of Bowie Christmas! Traditional decorations and flickering candles offer a glimpse of the past through the eyes of all the residents of the historic house. The music of "Bedlam" will fill the air.

The City's **Holiday Tree Lighting** has been a tradition for over 50 years. The City invites you be part of that tradition at the Mansion, beginning at **7 p.m.** following the Candlelight Celebration. Bundle up for caroling outdoors, followed by the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus atop the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department's ladder truck. While you are inside the Mansion waiting to see Santa, enjoy the music of Bedlam.

So, come early on Sunday, December 1 and enjoy historic Belair Mansion's Candlelight Celebration from 3 - 7 p.m. followed by the Holiday Tree Lighting at 7 p.m. Admission is free, but please bring a canned food donation for the Bowie Food Pantry. Belair Mansion is located at 12207 Tulip Grove Drive. For more information, contact Bowie City Hall at 301-809-3011 or email [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org) or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

## Leaf Collection Begins

### November 4

The City's leaf collection service begins November 4. Each neighborhood will have two collection dates. Residents should rake leaves into piles at the edge of their grass for pickup. **Do not rake leaves into the street.** Also, please do not park cars or place trash in front of the leaves as this makes it difficult for City crews to maneuver equipment to reach the leaves.

Collection will take place 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to the schedule on Page 15.

Crews will work rain or shine. However, in the event of snow or ice storms, leaf collection will be temporarily suspended, as the trucks and crews will be redeployed to salt or plow City streets.

Some sections of the City are listed on two consecutive days. Due to expected volume, these sections may take more than one day to complete. The leaves must be raked to the curb by 7 a.m. on the first scheduled date. The second day is built into the schedule to allow extra time if it is needed. Crews will visit areas not completed on the first scheduled day.

*For up-to-date information, please call 301-262-6200 and select the prompt for the Leaf Collection Hotline.  
For more information, call 301-809-2344.*

### 2013 Leaf Collection Schedule

Section	First Leaf Collection Date	Second Leaf Collection Date
AMBER MEADOWS	Thurs. 11/7	Tues. 11/26
ASHLEIGH	Thurs. 11/21	Wed. 12/18
ASHLEIGH STATION	Thurs. 11/21	Wed. 12/18
BELAIR GREENS	Wed. 11/6	Tues. 12/10
BELAIR TOWN I	Tues. 11/5	Tues. 12/3
BELAIR TOWN II	Mon. 11/4	Tues. 12/3
BUCKINGHAM*	Mon. 11/18 (& 11/19)	Tues. 12/10
CHAPEL FORGE	Tues. 11/26	Thurs. 12/19
COLLINGTON MANOR	Thurs. 11/21	Wed. 12/18
COLLINGTON STATION	Thurs. 11/21	Wed. 12/18
COVINGTON MANOR	Thurs. 11/7	Mon. 12/16
DERBYSHIRE	Mon. 11/18	Thurs. 12/12
DEVONSHIRE	Thurs. 11/21	Wed. 12/18
DIXON CROSSING	Wed. 11/20	Wed. 12/18
ENFIELD (excluding townhomes)	Thurs. 11/7	Mon. 12/2
FAIRVIEW	Wed. 11/20	Wed. 12/18
FOREST HILLS	Mon. 11/18	Thurs. 12/12
FOXHILL	Wed. 11/13	Wed. 12/4
GLEN ALLEN	Thurs. 11/7	Mon. 12/16
GRADYS WALK	Wed. 11/20	Wed. 12/18
GROVEHURST	Thurs. 11/21	Wed. 12/18
HARVEY MANOR	Wed. 11/20	Mon. 12/9
HEATHER HILLS	Thurs. 11/7	Mon. 12/2
HIGHBRIDGE PARK	Thurs. 11/14	Mon. 12/9
HUNTINGTON*	Tues. 11/19 (& 11/20)	Mon. 12/9 (& 12/10)
HUNTINGTON CREST	Wed. 11/20	Wed. 12/11
IDLEWILD	Wed. 11/6	Tues. 12/3
KENILWORTH*	Tues. 11/12 (& 11/13)	Thurs. 12/5
LONGLEAF	Thurs. 11/21	Mon. 12/16
LONG RIDGE*	Tues. 11/12	Wed. 12/4 (& 12/5)
MEADOWBROOK*	Tues. 11/5	Tues. 12/3 (& 12/4)
MITCHELLVILLE EAST	Thurs. 11/7	Mon. 12/16
NORTHRIDGE*	Thurs. 11/14 (& 11/15)	Mon. 12/9
NORTHVIEW	Wed. 11/6	Mon. 12/2
OAKTREE	Thurs. 11/21	Mon. 12/16
OLD CHAPEL	Mon. 11/18	Tues. 12/10
OLD CHAPEL ESTATES	Mon. 11/18	Tues. 12/10
OLD STAGE*	Thurs. 11/21 (& 11/22)	Mon. 12/16
OVERBROOK	Mon. 11/4 (& 11/5)	Wed. 11/27
PATUXENT OVERLOOK	Thurs. 11/21	Mon. 12/16
PEACH PRESERVE	Thurs. 11/7	Tues. 11/26
POINTER RIDGE	Mon. 11/25	Tues. 12/17
ROCKLEDGE	Mon. 11/4	Wed. 11/27
ROLLING HILLS	Wed. 11/13	Mon. 12/9
SADDLEBROOK	Mon. 11/4	Wed. 12/11
SADDLEBROOK WEST	Mon. 11/4	Wed. 12/11
SOMERSET*	Thurs. 11/14	Wed. 12/11 (& 12/12)
SPRING MEADOWS	Wed. 11/20	Wed. 12/18
STEWART'S LANDING	Wed. 11/20	Wed. 12/18
TALL OAKS	Thurs. 11/21	Wed. 12/18
TERNBERRY	Thurs. 11/21	Tues. 12/17
TULIP GROVE*	Wed. 11/13 (& 11/14)	Wed. 12/4
VICTORIA HEIGHTS	Tues. 11/19	Thurs. 12/19
WESTVIEW	Wed. 11/20	Wed. 12/18
WHITEHALL	Tues. 11/19	Wed. 12/11
WOODMORE ESTATES	Thurs. 11/21	Wed. 12/18
WOODMORE HIGHLANDS	Wed. 11/20	Wed. 12/18
YORKTOWN*	Mon. 11/4	Tues. 11/26 (& 11/27)

\*Leaves must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on the first scheduled date. The second date is only for those areas not visited on the first date.

## Holiday House

### Decorating Contest

Do you spend hours putting up lights and other displays outdoors for the holidays? Are your decorations the envy of the neighborhood? Would you like some recognition for all your hard work? Then why not enter the City's Holiday House Decorating Contest!

The entry deadline is **December 9, 2013** at 5 p.m. Home must be located within the Bowie municipal limits. Entry forms, contest rules and information are available on the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org); search Holiday House Decorating Contest.

Entry forms and information may also be obtained by contacting Special Events Coordinator Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org).



## Code Corner

### Prepare for Snow

No one can accurately estimate the amount of snow and ice we will receive during the winter months. It is best to make preparations now.

Clean gutters and secure them to the house. Rain, sleet and heavy snow can cause clogged gutters to fall. Store unnecessary outdoor equipment and toys inside your home or shed. Snow can hide a potential hazard. Check for snow shovels and environmentally friendly ice melting remedies. You are required to remove snow and ice (within 48 hours after it stops falling) from the public sidewalk and driveway apron. Make arrangements in advance for someone to clean the snow from your driveway and sidewalk, especially if you plan to be away. Make arrangements for someone to move your car off the street during a snow emergency. A snow emergency exists when snow or ice accumulates two (2) inches or more. Vehicles may not be parked on City streets until the snow accumulation has been cleared.

Take a few minutes now to prepare because you don't want to be surprised if your car is ticketed or towed, or you're facing a civil citation for not having the sidewalk cleared.

**Qualified residents, apply now for the 24-hour snow and ice removal extension.** Every owner or tenant of residential or commercial property which abuts a City sidewalk, or the paved area of their driveway if located within the public right-of-way, is required by City Code Chapter 14 to remove or clear away any snow and ice from the sidewalk or driveway within forty-eight (48) hours after the cessation of any falling snow, sleet, or freezing rain. If circumstances (age, disability, illness, etc.) prevent an owner or tenant from removing the snow or ice within the forty-eight hour period, an individual may apply for a twenty-four (24) hour extension. The twenty-four hour extension does not exempt one from clearing snow and ice from the public sidewalks and driveway area. It only provides a waiver of the forty-eight hour rule and grants a twenty-four hour extension. The extension will permit the applicant seventy-two (72) hours (3 days) to comply with the City Code. It is strongly suggested that you make arrangements now with a company or individual for snow removal during the winter months. It will be more difficult to find someone once the snow/ice season has begun.

Qualified residents may apply for the 24-hour extension by submitting an application to the Code Compliance Office at City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716. The application is available on the City's website, [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org). An application may also be obtained at City Hall or by contacting the Code Compliance Office at 301-809-3008 or [dmichelle@cityofbowie.org](mailto:dmichelle@cityofbowie.org). **Applications should be submitted before December 1, 2013.**

## Top Gardens Honored

The lovely yard of Ken and Karen Wood captured the top award as *2013 Distinguished Yard* at the 18th Annual City of Bowie Beautification Awards held at the Bowie Senior Center. The event was once again cosponsored by the Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton. The City and the Soroptimist extends its thanks and appreciation to all of the nominees, whose hard work and creativity have helped make Bowie a more beautiful and pleasant place to live, and to the sponsors who provided the prizes and decorations for the program. This year's sponsors were Patuxent Nursery and Frank's Garden Center. Congratulations to all of this year's award recipients!

Winners	Award
Ken and Karen Wood	<i>2013 Distinguished Yard Award</i>
Anita Reyes	<i>Distinguished Back Yard</i>
John and Diane Hall	<i>Distinguished Front Yard</i>
Mark Kallal	<i>Distinguished Side Yard</i>
Sue Livera and Annellen Moore	<i>Distinguished Wildlife Habitat</i>
Bowie Montessori Children's Home	<i>Distinguished School</i>
Mary Caraker	<i>1-Star Maintenance</i>
Laura Ritter	<i>1-Star Maintenance</i>
Virginia Smith	<i>1-Star Maintenance</i>
Gaye Williams	<i>1-Star Maintenance</i>
Maria and Chuck Arnold	<i>2-Star Maintenance</i>
William Bachteler	<i>2-Star Maintenance</i>
Trisha Patterson	<i>2-Star Maintenance</i>
Jack Croft	<i>3-Star Maintenance</i>
Marty Gigger	<i>3-Star Maintenance</i>
Francis Pelkey	<i>3-Star Maintenance</i>
Maxine and Vincent Brown	<i>All-Star Gardens</i>
Pam Fleming	<i>All-Star Gardens</i>
Patricia Rauch	<i>All-Star Gardens</i>
Margaret Reid	<i>All-Star Gardens</i>

## Bowie Youth & Family Services

The mission of Bowie Youth & Family Services (BYFS) is to provide community-based mental health services for the families of the Bowie community, to improve understanding and communication between parents and youth, to prevent youth from entering the formal juvenile justice system, and to increase the safety of our community through drug and alcohol prevention activities. BYFS is dedicated to providing excellent professional services and innovative programming in order to help and support those citizens who are experiencing emotional difficulties and family stress. BYFS believes that every child deserves a seamless web of support — made up of parents, friends, neighbors, community, government, and the private sector through which no child will slip. It is everyone's responsibility to help weave that web.

Family counseling services are provided to residents within the corporate limits of the City of Bowie for \$20 per session, and to those in the greater Prince George's County area for \$30 per session. Families with children up to age 18 are encouraged to call to make an appointment. Groups are offered for those who want guidance with parenting skills, social skills for young children, helping your children in coping with divorce, and a group for high school girls. Each group runs between four and eight weeks and varies from \$60 to \$120 per group. Call **301-809-3033** for more information.

### Teen Job Bank Needs Workers

Teens are needed for snow shoveling this winter. If you know a teen interested in signing up for occasional work, including housework, babysitting, leaf raking, yard work and snow shoveling, please call for an application at 301-809-3033. It's a great way for a teen to earn a few extra dollars. For Bowie citizens who want to hire a teen, call **301-809-3033** for more information.



## News of the City Museums



### Mark Your Calendar

#### Taste of the Past at Belair Mansion

**Saturday, November 23, 12 - 4 p.m.** Sample heritage desserts from the 18th and 19th centuries. Free.

#### Black Friday on Saturday Stocking Stuffer Day at Belair Mansion

**Saturday, November 30, 12 - 4 p.m.** 20% discount on all purchases in the museum shop.

#### Trainspotting and Santa at Bowie Railroad Museum

**Sunday, December 1, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Watch unusual cars fly by on AMTRAK'S busiest day of the year. The NTrack Modellers will have a model layout in the caboose. Santa Claus will visit the Welcome Center 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., so bring your Christmas list!

#### Holiday Open House at Belair Mansion

**Sunday, December 1, 12 - 7 p.m.** Tour the traditionally decorated Mansion, and enjoy the traditional music of "Bedlam." Candlelight by Twilight from 3 - 7 p.m.. For a real slice of holiday tradition, enjoy the Holiday Tree Lighting and Santa's arrival by Fire Truck at 7 p.m. Free.

#### Holiday History Happy Hour at Belair Mansion

**Saturday, December 7, 5 - 7 p.m.** Enjoy wassail and a lecture on the history of holidays. Free.

#### KinderKristmas at Belair Mansion

**Saturday, December 14, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.** Holiday tour and fun for young revelers ages 3-9. Free.

#### Home(school) for the Holidays at Belair Mansion

**Tuesday, December 17, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.** Homeschoolers are invited to explore traditions from holidays past and present, and discover many traditions shared between cultures. Join us for a morning **or** afternoon session (program will repeat). Free, reservations **required**. For reservations - 301-809-3089 or [museums@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museums@cityofbowie.org).

#### Kringle Kaboose at Railroad Museum

**Monday, December 30, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.** Railroad fun for ages 1-10 - with a holiday theme! Free.

#### Santa's Big Broadcast at Radio and Television Museum

Visit the Radio and Television Museum throughout December and enjoy some broadcast nostalgia and holiday cheer. Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m during December, the Museum will screen holiday television programs from the past. For a schedule, call 301-390-1020. The programs are free; donations accepted.

*For information on these, or any museum programs, contact 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).*

### Hours of Operation

#### Belair Mansion,

Tuesdays through Sundays, 12 - 4 p.m., 12207 Tulip Grove Drive. Free.

#### Belair Stable Museum,

Tuesdays through Sundays, 12 - 4 p.m., 2835 Belair Drive. Free.

#### Old Town Bowie Welcome Center,

Tuesdays - Sundays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 8606 Chestnut Avenue, 301-575-2488. Free.

#### Bowie Railroad Museum,

Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 8614 Chestnut Avenue. Free.

*To schedule a group tour of any of these City Museums, or for more information, please call 301-809-3089.*

#### Radio and Television Museum,

Fridays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 1 - 5 p.m., 2608 Mitchellville Road. Free. *To contact this Museum, call 301-390-1020.*

#### The Prince George's Genealogical Library,

Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. (first Wednesday of the month 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.), Tulip Grove Drive. Free. *For information, call 301-262-2063 during open hours.*



### Senior Services Overview

The Bowie Senior Center provides a wide variety of educational and recreational programs and services that include information and assistance, transportation, and a nutrition program for the active adult 55 years and older.

### Health Care Evolves

For information about Maryland Health Connection visit [www.marylandhealth-connection.gov](http://www.marylandhealth-connection.gov) or call 1-855-642-8572 (toll free) or TTY 1-855-642-8573. The Maryland Health Connection call center staff has Spanish speakers and can handle questions in 200 other languages. The call center is open Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. During open enrollment, it will be open weekdays until 8 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Open enrollment begins October 1, 2013 and continues through March 31, 2014.

### Honoring Our Veterans

**Thursday, November 7  
12:30 p.m.**

The Bowie Senior Choraleers will perform several patriotic musical selections for our enjoyment and light refreshments will be served. If you are a Veteran and will be attending, please RSVP.

Active Adult 55+  
Active Adult 55+

### City Election

**Tuesday, November 5**

The Center's bus transportation service will be available to seniors 55 and over, and for individuals with disabilities, who want to vote. Shuttle service will be provided to the Pin Oak, Evergreen and Willows senior communities 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For others, service will be provided 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Call 301-809-2324 by Friday, November 1 to make arrangements.

### Holiday Craft Fair

**Thursday, December 5, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

A welcome part of the holiday season. Event open to the public.

### Bowie Senior Chorale Holiday Concerts

**Thursday, December 12 at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center**

**Friday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m.  
at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts**

Tickets are required for both concerts. A ticket to the Senior Center concert is \$2 or a donation to the Bowie Food Pantry. A ticket to the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts concert is \$6. Tickets will be available at the Senior Center in mid-November.

### Holiday Party

**Thursday, December 19, 11:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.**

Let's celebrate the holidays together! There will be a delicious festive lunch served, and DJ music. The cost is \$10 for residents and \$12 for nonresidents. Make your reservations by Monday, December 9.

### Bowie Senior Center, 14900 Health Center Drive

**301-809-2300, [www.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter](http://www.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter)**

Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Friday,  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.;

and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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### Upcoming Events

#### Veterans Day

Monday, November 11, 2013  
City offices closed. No refuse or recycling collection.

#### Thanksgiving

November 28 and 29, 2013  
City offices closed. No refuse or recycling collection.

#### Christmas Holiday

Wednesday, December 25, 2013  
City offices closed. No refuse or recycling collection.

#### New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1, 2014  
City offices closed. No refuse or recycling collection.

### 2014 City Holidays

New Year's Day	Wednesday	January 1, 2014
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday	January 20, 2014
Presidents' Day	Monday	February 17, 2014
Memorial Day	Monday	May 26, 2014
Independence Day	Friday	July 4, 2014
Labor Day	Monday	September 1, 2014
Veterans Day	Tuesday	November 11, 2014
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 27, 2014
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday	November 28, 2014
Christmas	Thursday	December 25, 2014

City offices will be closed on the dates listed above.  
There will be no refuse or recycling services on these dates;  
services will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.

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