

Bowie News Flash

January 2014

News

New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1

Wednesday, January 1, 2014 is New Year's Day and a City holiday. City offices and all City facilities are closed except for the Ice Arena, which is open from noon to 10 p.m. There will be no refuse collection on the holiday. Refuse collection resumes on your next regularly scheduled day.

Single Stream Recycling Collection on New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1, 2014 is New Year's Day and a City holiday. There will however be single stream recycling collection on the holiday for neighborhoods with Wednesday pickup (no metal or yard waste pickup). This special holiday collection was approved by the City Council last year as a convenience to residents who would otherwise have to go three weeks without pickups because of the holidays. Only neighborhoods that have weekly recycling collection on Wednesdays will receive this service. They are: Bowie Forest, Buckingham, Derbyshire, Foxhill, Kenilworth, and Somerset. Residents may contact the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344 if they have questions about this holiday collection.

Christmas Tree Pickup

Trees will be picked up every Wednesday in January (except January 1) with yard waste. Please make sure all lights and decorations are removed from the tree. Do **not** place tree in plastic bag. Place your tree at the curb by 7 a.m.

No More Plastic Bags for Yard Waste

Beginning January 1, 2014, residents will no longer be able to put their grass, leaves, branches, or Christmas trees in plastic bags. This change is due to a new policy at the County yard waste recycling facility where the City disposes of its yard waste.

Branches up to three inches in diameter must be tied and bundled or placed in paper bags or cans. Each can should weigh no more than 50 pounds. Larger limbs can be stacked at the curb. They must be cut into 18-24 inch long sections, and must be no greater than 24 inches in diameter and weigh no more than 50 pounds each. 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 in Bowie at Home Depot, Lowe's, Safeway, and Target. Do not use the blue recycling carts or bins for yard waste. Please remember that yard waste cannot be included with your regular trash.

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 or email publicinfo@cityofbowie.org.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Contest

The City is hosting its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. art contest to promote understanding about the lasting legacy of Dr. King. The contest theme is “My Reflections on Dr. King’s Dream.” Students in kindergarten through the second grade are eligible to participate in a coloring contest. Students in grades three through five can submit entries for the poster contest, and sixth through twelfth graders are encouraged to create a short video of less than 90 seconds that reflects the contest theme.

Students who live within the municipal limits of Bowie (including homeschooled students) or students who attend an eligible school in Bowie can participate in the contest. The complete list of eligible schools is located at www.cityofbowie.org/MLK. Entry deadline is January 13, 2014 at 5 p.m. Last year, over 300 entries were received for the contest. Finalists will be selected in January and their work will be featured at the City’s Martin Luther King program on January 18, 2014. First (\$100), second (\$50), and third prize (\$25) winners will be chosen in each category in February. For more information, visit www.cityofbowie.org/MLK or contact Una Cooper, staff liaison to the Diversity Committee, at 301-809-3032 or ucooper@cityofbowie.org.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, January 20

City offices are closed on this day. There will be no refuse or recycling collection. Collection resumes on your next regularly scheduled day.

Nominations Open for Bowie’s Hall of Honor

In 1991, the Hall of Honor was developed 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 their contribution or at the time of their death. The deadline to submit nominations for the 2013 Hall of Honor is 5 p.m. Friday, **February 7, 2014** at City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716. For more information, contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org. Nomination forms will soon be available at www.cityofbowie.org/forms.

Snow Removal

A **Snow Emergency** is declared whenever snow reaches a depth of two inches. All vehicles must be removed from City streets. The City begins plowing when the snow depth reaches two inches. All main drives, hills and collector streets are treated and/or plowed first. In the event of a snowfall less than two inches, all main drives, hills and collector streets are treated with salt and/or sand. Streets and cul-de-sacs that are flat or have only slight inclines with limited intersections are only treated in extreme icing conditions. During a snow or ice event only, it is acceptable to park your vehicle on your

grass. Each resident is responsible for removing snow and/or ice from the sidewalk in front of their home. To report hazardous conditions within the City, call 301-809-2344. More information about the City's snow removal program can be found on the City's website.

Classic Television Screenings at the National Capital Radio and Television Museum
Stop by the National Capital Radio and Television Museum in Bowie on weekends in January to view classic screenings from the early days of television. Visit www.ncrtv.org to view the schedule.

Bowie Police Departments Says Thanks

Through the generosity of local residents and businesses, the Bowie Police Department collected more than 2,800 toys and distributed them to children in Bowie and throughout Prince George's County this year. The department thanks the community for its continued assistance and support of the Toys for Tots Program and other programs sponsored by the Bowie Police.

Events

1/6 – Regular City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall.

1/10 - 1/25 – “Over the River and Through the Woods” at Bowie Playhouse Set in 1998, this comedy/drama centers on a tightly knit Italian-American family whose grandson Nick dutifully visits his two sets of loving and loony grandparents for dinner every Sunday. His grandparents believe in the three F's of family life – family, faith, and food. The sixth character in the show is the woman whom the grandparents set Nick up with in hopes of preventing him from taking a job on the West coast. Produced by Prince George's Little Theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays. For tickets, visit www.pglt.org or call 301-937-7458.

1/11 – Weed Warrior Work Day 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Whitemarsh Park. Weed Warriors meet once a month to remove English ivy from trees along the driveway leading back to the Playhouse at Whitemarsh Park. Contact Tiffany Wright at 301-809-3043 or email twright@cityofbowie.org for more information.

1/11 – American Red Cross Community Blood Drive 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. Call 1-800-RED-CROS for appointments.

1/13 – Community Climate Action Series: Bikes, Trails, and Public Transit 7 p.m. at the Kenhill Center. See the plan for Bowie's bikes and trail systems. Also learn about public transit opportunities in the area. For more information, contact Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 or email klarson@cityofbowie.org.

1/14 – Discovering the Osprey at Jug Bay 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. This program will be presented by Greg Kearns. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

1/15 – Melford Village Stakeholders Meeting 7 p.m. at City Hall. A new Conceptual Site Plan that includes retail, office, and housing has been submitted by the owners of Melford. The proposal will be discussed at a Stakeholders Meeting in the Council Chambers at City Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

1/15 – Sports Injury and Concussion Clinic 6 - 9 p.m. at City Gymnasium. For more information, contact the City Gymnasium at 301-809-2388.

1/18 – Program Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 12 noon at City Hall. The program will feature the artwork of local students who have been selected as finalists in the City's Martin Luther King Art Contest.

1/18 – Sports Injury and Concussion Clinic 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at City Gymnasium. For more information, contact the City Gymnasium at 301-809-2388.

1/21 – Kids Kaboose 10:30 a.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad stories and fun for ages 1 - 10. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

1/21 – Magic Show 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Join us as the Center's Magic Club performs their amazing feats of prestidigitation, comedy, and mind reading. Each performer is a member of the Magic Club. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

1/21 – 2014 Wellness Fair 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Senior Center. Topics include healthy eating strategies to lose weight, improve brain health and keep your heart happy. If you want to attend the second half of the fair, you'll discover light and easy exercises that you can do at home to build muscular and bone strength as well as improve your balance. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

1/21 – Regular City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall. (This meeting is on Tuesday because of the Monday holiday.)

1/23 – Push Ups for the Brain Workshop 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. This free workshop opens and balances both left and right hemispheres of the brain. Using exercises to relax the body and expand the mind, you can reduce stress, become more creative and increase your problem-solving skills. You will gain positive insights for a happier, more productive life. Registration required by January 16. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

1/27 – Collector's Corner – Ceramics 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. City Museums Curator Samantha Dorsey and Hammond Harwood House Curator Allison Titman will continue their series of collections workshops for both collectors and professionals with a look at the "care and feeding" of ceramic objects. Free, reservations

required. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

1/31-2/16 – “Funny Money” at Bowie Playhouse Henry, a mild mannered British CPA, accidentally picks up a briefcase full of someone else's ill-gotten gains. He decides to keep it and fly to Barcelona to start a new life, but his wife has other plans, and before they can leave, there's an unexpected knock at the door. The circumstances that prevent Henry from working his way out of this problem are the kinds that only a master of farce like Britain's Ray Cooney (author of Run for Your Wife and It Runs in the Family) could create. You'll love this hilarious comedy of errors. This show is produced by 2nd Star Productions. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and matinees are at 3 p.m. on weekends. For tickets, visit www.2ndstarproductions.com or call 410-757-5700.