

Bowie News Flash

November 2014

News

Halloween Trick or Treat - Friday, October 31

Halloween is Friday, October 31st. Suggested hours for trick or treating are 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The Bowie Police Department reminds trick or treaters and their parents to watch out for cars, carry a flashlight, and check all treats carefully. If you are on the roads on Halloween, drive carefully and watch out for ghosts and goblins and other costumed creatures.

Curbside Leaf Collection Begins November 3

The City's curbside leaf collection service begins November 3. Each residential neighborhood will have two collection dates. Residents should rake leaves into piles at the edge of their grass for pickup by the City crews. Collection will take place from approximately 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. according to the Leaf Collection Schedule. 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. Leaves should be put out on the first day listed. Due to expected volume, these sections may take more than one day to complete.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery This Weekend

Eastern Standard Time goes into effect on Sunday, November 2nd at 2 a.m. when we “fall back” an hour. When you are changing your clocks, why not take the opportunity to replace the batteries in all of the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home; it can save your lives. You can use the hour you gain to:

- Test all the smoke alarms in your home by pushing the test button.
- Replace any batteries that have expired.
- Plan two escape routes from your home and practice them with your family.
- Replace any smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old. Did you know that you can purchase a ten-year smoke alarm that only needs a battery change every ten years?

Having working smoke alarms in your home is a simple and effective way to protect your family and reduce your risk of death or serious injury if you have a fire in your home.

Veterans Day Holiday – November 11

Tuesday, November 11 is a City holiday. City offices are closed. There is no refuse or recycling collection on this day. Collection will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.

Thanksgiving Holiday – November 27 and 28

Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28 are City holidays. City offices are closed. There is no refuse or recycling collection these days. Collection will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.

November is Municipal Government Works Month!

Municipalities throughout the state celebrate “Municipal Government Works” each November in an effort to recognize the role and function of the government closest to the people. City government represents a responsive level of government that provides services and facilities in an effort to enhance the quality of life for its residents.

Office Space Available for Nonprofits at Kenhill Center

The Kenhill Center, located at 2614 Kenhill Drive, is home to a number of City government offices as well as nonprofit organizations serving residents of the City. At the present time, a limited number of office suites, ranging from 900 to 1,800 square feet, are available for lease to organizations with nonprofit status, located within the incorporated limits of the City of Bowie or who serve residents of the City. Applications, along with additional information and rental rates, can be obtained by contacting Sally Cannon Hein, Assistant Director of the Department of Community Services at shein@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3014.

Teen Job Bank

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 301-809-3033 for an application. It's a great way for a teen to earn a few extra dollars. Bowie residents who want to hire a teen can call 301-809-3033 for more information.

Stream Team Survey

Interest and participation in Bowie Stream Team events has been waning over the last couple of years. Help us figure out how to re-energize the program by taking our survey at www.cityofbowie.org/streamteamsurvey.

Watch out for Deer

Be cautious of roaming deer. The number of deer-vehicle collisions is highest during the months of November and December. The combination of the deer mating season and the hunting season cause more deer to cross the roadways, especially at dawn and dusk. Drivers should be cautious and slow down, look for deer along the sides of the road. Deer travel in groups, so if you see one there are more nearby. On darkened roadways use your high beam lights. Please report any deer-vehicle collisions to the Police Department.

Roof Work at the City Gym

Beginning in early November the Bowie Gymnasium roof will be replaced and the cupola on top of the building will be repaired. The facility will remain open during the construction, but there may be some noise associated with the work. The staff asks for your patience and understanding while the work is underway. Construction is expected to take 60 days to complete.

Don't Miss an Alert! Sign up for Alert Bowie 2.0 Now

The City of Bowie has a new alerting system. Subscribers of both the old and new systems have been receiving messages during our transition period, but that is coming to a close. If you wish to continue receiving alerts, public safety messages and/or Bowie E-News updates from the City of Bowie after November 7, 2014, you must create an account on Alert Bowie 2.0. Visit www.cityofbowie.org/alerts and follow the link to sign up. Please contact Una Cooper at ucooper@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3032 if you have questions about Alert Bowie 2.0 or problems with the registration process.

Thanksgiving Food Drive at the Bowie City Gym

Between November 1 - 21, Gym staff will be collecting nonperishable food items and personal hygiene products in the lobby. Please remember the less fortunate during this time of the year. For more information, please contact the City Gymnasium at 301-809-2388.

Counseling for Children/Teens and their Families Available through Bowie Youth & Family Services

Bowie Youth & Family Services provides low-cost counseling to City families with children up to 18 years of age. Services are provided by licensed clinicians who hold graduate degrees in Marriage and Family Therapy, Social Work and Counseling. Please call 301-809-3033 for more information.

It Pays to Be Green in Bowie

Incentives are still available for residents who would like to plant native trees in their yards, receive BGE comprehensive energy audits, or certify their yards as National Wildlife Federation Wildlife Habitats. More information can be found at www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie.

Events

10/31 - 11/15 – “The Murder Room” at Bowie Playhouse Mavis Templeton Hollister returns home for the night to Brynwood Cottage in northern England, surprised that her new husband, Edgar Hollister is still alive. Her aim must have been terrible since she shot him three times! After filing a missing persons report on her husband, Mavis is visited by the police who inform Mavis that her cat was found dead from ingesting a poisoned cup of cocoa meant for Edgar. Do you think she's trying to kill her husband?

Add to the zaniness, Susan Hollister, the dimmest bulb in the chandelier, and Edgar's only child by his first wife. Mavis is distressed to learn that upon Edgar's death, the bulk of his estate will go to Susan. But if the girl suddenly dies... Presented by Bowie Community Theatre. For ticket information visit www.bctheatre.com or call 301-805-0219. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays.

11/1 - 21 – Thanksgiving Food Drive at the Bowie City Gym. Gym staff will be collecting nonperishable food items and personal hygiene products in the lobby.

11/3 – City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall

11/4 – General Election Senior Shuttle Service

The Bowie Senior Center provides transportation to the polls for seniors who can't get there on their own. Shuttle service will be provided by the Senior Center Transportation Service for residents of Pin Oak Village, Evergreen, and Willows senior communities from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For others, service will be provided from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please call the Center at 301-809-2324 by October 31 to schedule. For more information, please contact the Center at 301-809-2300.

11/5 – Social Security Administration at the Senior Center 10 a.m. at Bowie Senior Center. Join Diana Varela, Public Affairs Specialist from Social Security, as she provides new information and instructions on how to get a copy of your Social Security statement. For more information, please contact the Center at 301-809-2300.

11/6 – Honoring Our Veterans at the Senior Center 12:30 p.m. at Bowie Senior Center. We invite all veterans and members of the community to join us for a special celebration program. Music provided by the Bowie Senior Choraleers. Refreshments served. For more information, please contact the Center at 301-809-2300.

11/11 – Veterans Day Holiday. City offices are closed. No refuse or recycling collection. There will be a ceremony to remember and honor veterans at Veterans Park in Old Town Bowie at 11 a.m.

11/12 – Lecture at Belair Mansion 7:30 p.m. This month's Second Tuesday Lecture will be held on Wednesday, 11/12. Hear Owen Lourie speak about "The Maryland 400 – Revolutionary War Heroes". Mr. Lourie's talk will highlight the bravery of the First Maryland Regiment, led by General William Smallwood, in the Battles of Brooklyn and Long Island, earning them the title "The Maryland Line," which is the basis for Maryland's nickname – The Old Line State.

11/15 – Food Preservation Class at City Hall Want to learn ways to preserve freshly grown food to enjoy in winter months? The City of Bowie's Green Team will host two speakers from the University of Maryland Extension, Donna Koczaja and her husband. They will discuss how to preserve food by using canning, freezing, and drying methods. The presentation will be held at 10:00 a.m. in Room 243 of City Hall. Contact Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 or klarson@cityofbowie.org for additional information. This event is free and open to the public.

11/16 – Weed Warrior Work from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Whitmarsh Park. The City of Bowie's Green Team is in need of volunteers to help remove English ivy. As an invasive, non-native plant, English ivy spreads quickly and easily, and is very destructive to native ecosystems. This is an outdoor activity that requires cutting the ivy vines at eye-level and foot-level then pulling them back about two feet from the base of the tree to bag them. To participate, please register by contacting Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 or klarson@cityofbowie.org.

11/17 – City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall

11/18 – Kids Kaboose 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Bowie Railroad Museum. Railroad fun for ages 1 - 11. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

11/27 - 11/2 – Thanksgiving Holiday. City offices are closed. No refuse or recycling collection on either date.

11/29 – Black Friday on Saturday 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. 20% discount on all purchases in the museum shop. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

11/29 – Holiday Tea for Young Ladies at Belair Mansion 2 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Young ladies ages 5-12 are invited to celebrate a colonial holiday with tea, goodies and dancing! All children must be accompanied by an adult. \$20 per person. Advance reservation and payment required by November 24. For reservations and more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

11/30 – Trainspotting Day at Bowie Railroad Museum 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Bowie Railroad Museum. This is AMTRAK's busiest day of the year – you will see heavy rail traffic and unusual rail cars. Visit with Santa. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

2014 Leaf Collection Schedule

Section	First Leaf Collection Date	Second Leaf Collection Date
ADNELL (City portion only)	Tues. 11/4	Tues. 11/25
AMBER MEADOWS	Thurs. 11/20	Tues. 12/9
ASHLEIGH	Wed. 11/5	Mon. 11/24
ASHLEIGH STATION	Wed. 11/5	Mon. 11/24
BELAIR GREENS	Thurs. 11/13	Fri. 12/5
BELAIR TOWN I	Wed. 11/12	Thurs. 12/4
BELAIR TOWN II	Wed. 11/12	Mon. 12/8
BUCKINGHAM	Mon. 11/3	Wed. 11/26
CHAPEL FORGE	Tues. 11/4	Tues. 11/25
COLLINGTON MANOR	Wed. 11/5	Tues. 12/9
COLLINGTON STATION	Wed. 11/5	Tues. 12/9
COVINGTON MANOR	Thurs. 11/20	Thurs. 12/11
DERBYSHIRE	Mon. 11/3	Wed. 11/26
DEVONSHIRE	Fri. 11/14	Tues. 12/9
DIXON CROSSING	Wed. 11/5	Wed. 12/10
ENFIELD (excluding townhomes)	Thurs. 11/13	Thurs. 12/4
FAIRVIEW	Wed. 11/5	Thurs. 12/18
FOREST HILLS	Fri. 11/14	Mon. 12/15
FOXHILL	Tues. 11/18	Tues. 12/16
GLEN ALLEN	Mon. 11/10	Fri. 12/5
GRADYS WALK	Mon. 11/3	Mon. 12/8
GROVEHURST	Fri. 11/14	Tues. 12/9
HAMPTONS	Wed. 11/5	Fri. 12/5
HARVEY MANOR	Tues. 11/4	Tues. 11/25
HEATHER HILLS	Thurs. 11/20	Wed. 12/17
HIGHBRIDGE PARK	Wed. 11/5	Thurs. 12/18
HUNTINGTON*	Tues. 11/4 (& 11/5)	Mon. 11/24 (& 11/25)
HUNTINGTON CREST	Tues. 11/4	Tues. 11/25
IDLEWILD	Thurs. 11/13	Mon. 12/8
KENILWORTH	Mon. 11/17	Wed. 12/10
LONGLEAF	Mon. 11/3	Wed. 12/17
LONG RIDGE*	Mon. 11/17 (& 11/18)	Tues. 12/16
MEADOWBROOK*	Wed. 11/12 (& 11/13)	Thurs. 12/4
MITCHELLVILLE EAST	Mon. 11/10	Fri. 12/5
NORTHRIDGE*	Mon. 11/3 (& 11/4)	Tues. 11/25
NORTHVIEW	Thurs. 11/13	Tues. 12/9
OAKTREE	Wed. 11/5	Thurs. 12/11
OLD CHAPEL	Mon. 11/3	Thurs. 12/18
OLD CHAPEL ESTATES	Mon. 11/3	Thurs. 12/18
OLD STAGE*	Mon. 11/24	Wed. 12/10 (& 12/11)
OVERBROOK	Mon. 11/10	Tues. 12/2
PATUXENT OVERLOOK	Mon. 11/3	Wed. 12/17
PEACH PRESERVE	Mon. 11/10	Fri. 12/5
POINTER RIDGE	Thurs. 11/6	Wed. 12/3
ROCKLEDGE	Wed. 11/12	Mon. 12/1
ROLLING HILLS	Wed. 11/5	Thurs. 12/18
SADDLEBROOK	Wed. 11/12	Mon. 12/1
SADDLEBROOK WEST	Wed. 11/12	Mon. 12/1
SOMERSET	Wed. 11/19	Mon. 12/15
SPRING MEADOWS	Wed. 11/5	Wed. 12/10
STEWART'S LANDING	Wed. 11/5	Thurs. 12/18
TALL OAKS	Mon. 11/24	Wed. 12/17
TERNBERRY	Wed. 11/5	Tues. 12/9
TULIP GROVE*	Tues. 11/18 (& 11/19)	Mon. 12/8
VICTORIA HEIGHTS	Mon. 11/3	Thurs. 12/11
WESTVIEW	Wed. 11/5	Wed. 12/10
WHITEHALL	Tues. 11/4	Mon. 12/1
WOODMORE ESTATES	Wed. 11/5	Mon. 11/24
WOODMORE HIGHLANDS	Wed. 11/5	Mon. 11/24
YORKTOWN	Mon. 11/10	Tues. 12/2

*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.