

Bowie News Flash

January 2015

News

City Holiday - New Year's Day – Thursday, January 1

All City offices and facilities are closed for the New Year's holiday.

Refuse and Recycling Collection on New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1, 2015 is a City holiday and all City offices and facilities are closed. Refuse collection is canceled on January 1st, however, recycling collection will be provided for neighborhoods on the Thursday recycling schedule, so that these neighborhoods do not go three weeks without a recycling pickup.

If Thursday is your regularly scheduled recycling collection day, please place your recycling curbside by 7 a.m. on January 1, 2015 and it will be collected. Thank you for your efforts to recycle and minimize the amount of trash that goes into landfills. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.

Christmas Tree Pickup

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

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 "Champions of the 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 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. Entries must be submitted by **January 8, 2015 at 5 p.m. at Bowie City Hall**, located at 15901 Excalibur Road. 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 19

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

Accepting Nominations for 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 2015 Hall of Honor is Monday, March 2, 2015 at 5 p.m. Submit to Bowie 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.

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 - www.cityofbowie.org/snow.

We’re Trying Something New with the City Newsletter in 2015!

As a cost saving measure, the City stopped mailing the Bowie Spotlight to each household in the City in 2011. Since that time the newsletter has been published every other month on our website or it has been available in paper form at our City facilities and at the Bowie libraries.

We have decided to try a new approach in 2015. Starting January 29, 2015, you will find City news that would previously be in the newsletter on a full page “ad” in the Bowie Blade-News. The format will be different, but we’re hoping to provide more timely information and reach more households each month via the Bowie Blade-News. So, look for the City page in the Blade at the end of January and on the last Thursday of every month.

We welcome your feedback on this change. Please email us at publicinfo@cityofbowie.org or call 301-809-3040. If you live within the City limits of Bowie, the Bowie Blade-News should be delivered to your driveway weekly. If you are not currently receiving the paper and would like to receive it, please contact the Bowie Blade-News circulation office at 1-410-268-4800 or email circulation@capgaznews.com.

Self Defense Classes for Women Begin at End of January

Women of all ages can learn strategies to better protect themselves with Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Training from the Bowie Police Department. Each training class consists of six three-hour sessions. Classes take place on Monday or Wednesday nights (6:30 - 9:30 p.m.) and run for six weeks beginning at the end of January. Classes are free to Bowie residents but space is limited. For more information or to register, call 301-575-2015 or see flyer at www.cityofbowie.org/RAD.

Bowie Youth & Family Services Groups Begin Soon

Two group sessions will begin in February for families.

- **Active Parenting:** a popular group for parents that focuses on learning practical skills to help develop cooperation and responsibility in their child. It will be held on Tuesdays from 7 - 9 p.m. and the cost is \$60.
- **ADHD/ADD Education (this runs as two simultaneous groups):** Adults learn about AD(H)D and new ways to help their children. Children ages 7-11 learn how to improve their ability to focus and develop strategies for improving social skills. Please call for pre-group interview. These groups are held on Wednesdays from 7 - 8:30 p.m. and cost \$60.

For more information about the groups or to register, please contact Bowie Youth & Family Services at 301-809-3033.

Events

1/3 – Time Travelers Twelfth Night at Belair Mansion – 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Young historians aged 5-12 are invited to explore the most special 18th century holiday of all – Twelfth Night. Stories, games and dancing! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

1/5 – Computer Classes at the Senior Center The next session of computer classes starts January 5. Classes are available for beginners as well as experienced users. Class schedules and synopses are available at the front desk and at www.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter. You can register at the front desk until the day before each class begins. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

1/5 – Regular City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall.

1/9-1/24 – “A Shot in the Dark” at Bowie Playhouse A good hearted, guileless child of nature is hauled before the magistrate on a charge of murder, having been found unconscious, nude, and clutching a gun, with her lover dead beside her. What is most shocking to the magistrate is the complete frankness with which she describes her life as a parlor maid and her affairs with both the dead chauffeur and her aristocratic employer. She is so ingenious that the magistrate, at the risk of his juridical neck, decides that she could not have committed the murder. This play is 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.pglit.org or call 301-937-7458.

1/13 – Fireside Chat: Have Medical Condition, Will Travel 11 a.m. at the Senior Center. Before planning that next travel adventure, join us for advice on traveling safely. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

1/13 – Second Tuesday Lecture “Anthem!” – 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Presentation by Mark Hildebrand. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

1/14 – Stroke Support Group 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. New group meets the second Wednesday of the month and is facilitated by Maher Kharma, occupational therapist, and is organized by Doctors Community Hospital. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

1/17 – National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. This is the first meeting of a new support group. The group will continue to meet the third Saturday of each month. NAMI is a nonprofit organization that operates at the national, state, and local levels. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

1/17 – Program Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - 10 a.m. 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.

1/20 – 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.

1/20 – Regular City Council Meeting 8 p.m. at City Hall.

1/24 – Mrs. Rumney’s Sewing Circle 12 - 4 p.m. at Belair Mansion. Free. For more information, please contact 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

1/26 – Meditation to Boost the Spirit 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Senior Center. With the hustle and bustle of the holidays over, it’s time to discover ways to reduce stress and refresh the spirit. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a cushion, blanket, pillow, and/or mat. No registration required. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

1/28 – “Commit to be Fit” Wellness Day Seminar 10 a.m. at the Senior Center. Join us to discover your 12-week action plan with step-by-step instructions for reaching your health goals. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

1/29 – Safety and the Internet 10 a.m. at the Senior Center. The presentation will introduce some of the current threats to computer users and explain how to improve internet safety. No registration required. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 301-809-2300.