



City of Bowie

2022 Holiday Newsletter

The City of Bowie has been busy preparing events for you to enjoy around town! There is something for everyone to enjoy.

Saturday, November 26

“Happy Holidays” Shopping

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from November 26 — December 31, 12 - 4 p.m., Belair Mansion

Find these one-of-a-kind gifts at the Belair Mansion Gift Shop. There are teapots and cups, travel wine glasses, holiday ornaments, local history books, great stocking stuffers, and much more!

Sunday, November 27

Trainspotting

10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Bowie Railroad Museum

Watch the trains fly by carrying holiday travelers up and down the Northeast corridor. How many different trains can you see? Bring your hot chocolate or coffee and wave to the passengers as they pass.

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

12 - 2 p.m., Old Bowie Welcome Center

This is Santa’s first visit to Bowie for the holiday season. Drop by the Old Bowie Welcome Center and tell him what you want for Christmas.

Letters to Santa!

November 27 - December 18

Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., City Hall

Friday - Sunday, 12 - 4 p.m., Old Town Bowie Welcome Center

There is a jolly old fella waiting for your letter to arrive at the North Pole. Stop by the City Hall or the Old Town Bowie Welcome Center to drop off your letter to Santa in the North Pole mailbox. Bring your letter from home or use a pre-formatted letter waiting for you to fill out. Free.

Wednesday, November 30

Fairy Tale Fun

10 - 11 a.m., Belair Mansion

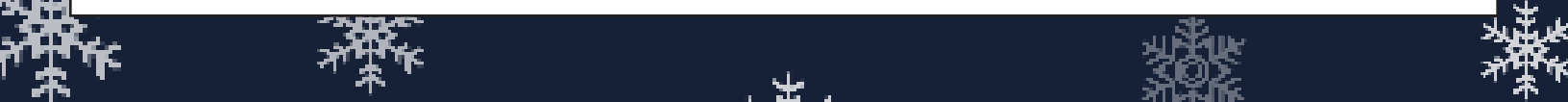
Join us on the last Wednesday of each month for Fairly Tale Fun. We read stories and create a hands-on craft. Ages 3—8 years with adult. Free

Thursday, December 1

Violin Performance

10 - 11 a.m., Bowie Senior Center

Prince George’s County Police Department presents Officer Alexander Strachan in a live violin performance. Officer Strachan is a graduate of the police academy and strives to continue healing people of all walks of life through his violin playing. He is a long-time Bowie resident and enjoys performing for older adults. Officer Strachan currently patrols District V in Clinton, Maryland. Free. Seniors 55+ only.



Saturday, December 3

Holiday Jingle Skate

2 - 3:45 p.m., Bowie Ice Arena

Come skate with Santa. There will be door prizes, free mini - lessons, a bake sale, and cookie decorating. Free admission with a toy for the Toys for Tots Drive. Bowie Resident: \$6; Non Resident: \$8 ; Skate rental: \$3.

Sunday, December 4

Holiday Tree Lighting

7 - 9 p.m., Bowie Senior Center

The Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony has been a Bowie tradition for over 50 years. Bundle up for caroling outdoors, followed by Santa and Mrs. Claus' arrival atop the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department's ladder truck. Also be sure to come inside and make a craft.

Admission is free, but we will be collecting canned goods for the food pantry. For more information, call 301-809-3011 or email mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

Let the Season Begin at Belair!

12 p.m. - 4 p.m., Belair Mansion

Tour the mansion decked out in all its finery and revel in live holiday music from local favorite...Bedlam. No better way to begin your holiday season! Free.

Monday, December 5

Holiday House Decorating

Does your house look like one of the magical home in Dr.Seuss'a Whoville? Enter it into the City of Bowie's Holiday House Decorating competition. Homes must be within the municipal limits of the City of Bowie. Entries are due by 5 p.m. on Monday, December 5. Judging will be on Wednesday, December 7 between 6 and 11 p.m. An awards ceremony will be held on Monday, December 19 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Tuesday, December 6

Holiday Variety Show Performance

12:30 - 1:30 p.m., Bowie Senior Center

South County Senior Center Showstoppers present a show full of singing, dancing, and comedy. Free. Seniors 55

2 for 1 Public Skating

December 6 and 13, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. or 1:45 - 3:45 p.m., Bowie Ice Arena

December 20, 1:45 - 3:45 p.m., Bowie Ice Arena

Looking for something to do while the kids are on break? On Tuesdays in December get two admissions to public skating for the price of one. Help the kids burn off energy while participating in a fun winter activity! These time may be subject to change, so check the website calendar before coming at: www.cityofbowie.org/icearena.

Friday, December 9

Toys for Tots 2022



The Bowie Police Department is accepting donations of NEW and UNWRAPPED toys through December 9 in support of Toys for Tots. Look for the donation bins at these drop-off points:

Bowie City Hall / Bowie Police Department
15901 Fred Robinson Way

Bowie Gymnasium
4100 Northview Drive

Bowie Senior Center
14900 Health center Drive

Bowie Ice Arena
3330 Northview Drive

Kenhill Center
2614 Kenhill Drive

Magic Elf Hunt!
December 9, 10, 11, 16, and 17
12 p.m. - 4 PM

Alert! Alert! Elves are missing from the North Pole and Santa believes they are hiding at Belair Mansion...again! Santa needs your help! Come to Belair Mansion and become an official elf hunter. Help return those naughty elves to the North Pole in time for Christmas. Free. No reservations needed.

SHOP WITH A COP

Bring holiday cheer to those who need it! Donate today and help Bowie Police Department ensure local families in need have a wonderful holiday season. Your donation helps make this event possible. Send a cash or check donation by December 9th to: City of Bowie: 15901 Fred Robinson Way Bowie, MD 20716.

Checks can be made payable to "City of Bowie". For more information contact COPS@cityofbowie.org or 240-544-5792.

Saturday, December 10
Senior Chorale Winter Concert "Sheer Joy"
2 p.m., Bowie Center for the Performing Arts

The Senior Chorale is back and getting ready to provide the JOY we all need. This year's concert, enthusiastically directed by Craig Sparks, is literally "Sheer Joy". Your spirit will be lifted by songs such as "How Can I Keep from Singing," "Joyful, Joyful," "O Come, All Ye Faithful," and more. See you at the show!

Tickets can be purchased online for \$8 (plus a small service fee) at www.bowiecenter.org or at the BCPA box office (15200 Annapolis Road), open Tuesday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., as well as two hours before the concert. A ticket booth will be set up at the Senior Center on Thursday, November 17, from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Saturday Fun with Santa
10 a.m. - 12 p.m., City Gym
Come see Santa, enjoy crafts,

and a fun Christmas environment at the Bowie Gym. No breakfast served.

Friday, December 16
Holiday Party

12:30 - 1:30 p.m., Bowie Senior Center
Enjoy DJ "C-Well" and share in some holiday games. Pre-register by Dec. 7. \$5 residents/\$6 nonresidents.

Saturday, December 17
Breakfast with Santa
9 - 11 a.m., Bowie Senior Center

This event is back after a 2 year- hiatus and better than ever. Youngsters and the young at heart can visit with Santa, eat breakfast, make crafts, and watch a magician. Pre-register by December 2. This event is only open to 90 participants, so register now. Admission is \$5, children 2 and under are free.

Sunday, December 18
Reindeer Training Station
12 - 4 p.m., Belair Stables

Did you know that Santa uses Belair Stable to train reindeer? Learn what it takes to be a North Pole reindeer. Free. No reservations needed.



Monday, December 26

City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed in observance of the Christmas holiday. There is no trash or recycling service on this date; service will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.

Friday, December 30

Welcome 2023 - "Noon" Year's Party

12:30 p.m., Bowie Senior Center

Put on your finest party outfit or come casual as we celebrate with entertainment, noisemakers, and light refreshments. Pre-registration fee \$5 residents/\$6 nonresidents.

Monday, January 2

City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed in observance of the New Year. There is no trash pickup; however, recycling will be picked up for those on the Monday recycling schedule.

Bowie Volunteer 39 Fire Truck Visits with Santa Claus

Santa Claus' schedule is still being finalized. Check back at: <http://bowiefire.org/santa>

For more information on these events, please visit www.cityofbowie.org/holidayhappenings.

The City of Bowie wishes all of its residents Happy Holidays, and a safe New Year.