

Transportation Services

Through the Center, the City of Bowie offers a variety of transportation services **within the city limits**. These services are available for individuals 55 years and older and, in some cases, younger adults with disabilities.

- Transportation from home to the Center Monday through Friday between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. The return-home trip leaves the Center at 2 p.m.
- Shuttle service from the Center to and from local shopping centers.
- Transportation from home to and from grocery stores.
- Transportation from home to and from medical appointments, shopping, Center activities, senior clubs, or other trips for seniors and younger adults with disabilities. This service is available on a priority basis only.

Except for the shopping center shuttle service, all transportation services require a reservation 24 hours in advance by calling 301-809-2324 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. When calling, please let the staff know if a lift-equipped bus is necessary.

A lunch meal delivery service is also available on weekdays for homebound seniors. Requests must be made to the Prince George's County Department of Family Services by calling 301-265-8450.

Inclement Weather Policy

When Prince George's County schools are closed due to inclement weather, the Center's scheduled activities (including SAGE classes, transportation services, and the nutrition program) are canceled for the day. However, the Center may be open for unscheduled activities. Before coming, verify that the Center is open by calling 301-809-2300.

When schools are opening two hours late, transportation services and the nutrition program are canceled for the day. In addition, all morning classes and activities scheduled before 11 a.m. are canceled.

A one-hour delay does not affect transportation services, the nutrition program, classes, or activities. If public schools close two hours early because of impending inclement weather, all classes and scheduled activities after 2 p.m. are canceled.

For alternative versions, please contact the Bowie Senior Center at 301-809-2300 or visit www.cityofbowie.org/seniorcenter.



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Bowie Senior Center
14900 Health Center Drive
Bowie, Maryland 20716
301-809-2300

Reservations: 301-809-2324



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Boarding Procedures

- Bus riders must be independent enough to get on and off the bus without assistance.
- Medical appointment transportation will arrive approximately 15 – 30 minutes prior to your appointment.
- Drivers are not permitted to enter any residence.
- Upon arrival at a scheduled boarding location, the driver will sound the horn two or three times and wait 30 seconds and repeat the procedure two more times. If there is no response, the driver will call the Center to report a no-show. The Center will call the rider's home. If there is no answer, the driver will be directed to leave and continue the route.
- A \$1 fare for each boarding is requested.



Shopping Shuttle Services

Shuttle services are available from the Center to a variety of area shopping centers on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. For a list of the current destinations, see the Center's monthly newsletter. Shuttles depart at 10 and 11 a.m. and return to the Center upon completion of each loop. There is a final return-only loop to each destination which departs the Center at noon. Signup at the front desk is necessary.

Transportation from your residence to the grocery store is also available as listed below. Call 301-809-2324 to request this service.

- Monday: Pin Oak Village only to Safeway, Giant, and Walmart. Pickup is at 10:30 a.m. Arrive back at Pin Oak Village at 12:45 p.m.
- Thursday: North Bowie to Giant, Aldi, and Harris Teeter. South Bowie (except Pin Oak Village) to Giant, Safeway, and Walmart. Home pickups start at 8:30 a.m. Arrive back at your home no later than 12:30 p.m.

Any Center member may use these shuttle services. Shoppers are to purchase only what they can safely carry in two shopping bags. Drivers may assist with carrying packages on and off the bus only.

Special Appointments

The city offers transportation from home to and from medical appointments, shopping, Center activities, senior clubs, or other trips. This service is available on a priority basis for all senior Bowie residents and other adults with disabilities.

- Reservations are required 24 hours in advance by calling 301-809-2324 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. When calling, please let the staff know if a lift-equipped bus is necessary or if the passenger is on oxygen. Please call to cancel if the appointment is canceled.
- All appointments should be scheduled Monday through Friday between 10 and 11:30 a.m.
- Medical and general appointments are on a first-come-first-served basis. Medical appointments have priority over other appointments.
- Drivers are not permitted to enter any residence. A family member or escort is required to bring the wheelchair occupant to the curb and ride the bus if the wheelchair occupant is unable to operate the chair at the destination.
- When the appointment is over, please call the Center to arrange return transportation.