



BOWIE BRIEF

Your Weekly Update
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Welcome to the **Bowie Brief**, our weekly newsletter about what's going on in city government. We will also include COVID updates in this document, as needed.

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September 11 Day of Service and Remembrance

This year marks 20 years since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on our nation. The City will honor the nearly 3,000 Americans killed in the attack by hosting a day of service this Saturday, September 11. Flags will be lowered to half-staff at all City facilities, and a moment of silence will be observed at 8:46 a.m., the time the first plane crashed into the Twin Towers.

On September 11, the City will sponsor several service projects that need support. Volunteers may work with Weed Warriors at White Marsh Park removing invasive English Ivy from trees. Or they may visit the City Gym and support its toiletries and PPE collection-drive or write thank you notes to area veterans, first responders and seniors, during the Summer's End Children's Program. More service opportunities are listed on the [September 11 webpage](#).

Those who are not able to volunteer are encouraged to do a good deed, in memory of those who lost their lives on 9/11, such as picking up trash in their neighborhood or helping someone in need. You can also donate to an organization helping hurricane victims or refugees or support a charity of your choice.

Bowie Rental Assistance Program – Deadline is September 10

The City of Bowie is offering relief to renters living within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Bowie who are experiencing financial difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Renters must be on-rent as of March 31, 2020 and be able to document hardship as a direct result of COVID-19.

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) covers the amount required by the landlord to resolve the outstanding balance, less any funds available to be contributed by the applicant or one month's rent, whichever is less. Arrearages incurred prior to April 1, 2020 will not be paid with the City of Bowie Rental Assistance funds.

To be eligible for the program, tenants:

- Must have a valid lease agreement.
- Income must be at or below 80% of the area median income guideline.
- The household must have experienced loss of income due to COVID-19.

Learn more about the program on our [website](#) or by emailing cobcares@cityofbowie.org. **The deadline to apply is Friday, September 10.**

Wine and Design at Belair Mansion

This Friday, September 10 at 7 p.m., start your weekend with a creative bang! Join us the Belair Mansion for a relaxing and fun evening of wine, appetizers, and crafting. Bring your favorite beverage and we will provide the scrumptious fare. This week we will up our recycling game by using empty wine bottles to create festive Scarecrow lights. We'll use ribbon, paint, raffia, and trims to complete this project. Each session is \$25. Space is limited. Reservations are required. Email sproctor@cityofbowie.org to reserve your spot.

More Food Distribution Events around the County

Through the County's Stand Up & Deliver program, groceries will be distributed to those in need, at the following locations:

Friday, September 10 at 12:30 p.m.

- Victory Grace Center at Port Towns Elementary School – 4351 58th Place, Bladensburg
- Turner Memorial AME Church – 7201 16th Place, Hyattsville

Saturday, September 11, 10 a.m.

- Kingdom Fellowship at High Point High School – 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville
- Love AME Church at Capitol Heights Elementary School – 601 Suffolk Avenue, Capitol Heights
- First Baptist Church of Highland Park – 6801 Sheriff Road, Landover

Old Town Bowie Celebrates Festival is Saturday, September 18

Old Bowie was once known for its spring and fall festivals. Now after a long hiatus, the City of Bowie and the Old Bowie Arts & Heritage Committee have teamed-up to re-establish the festival in Old Bowie. The goal is to regenerate interest in Old Bowie by providing activities that encourage visitors and shoppers to this historic community. The end goal is for Old Bowie to become the Arts & Heritage Center of Bowie.

The festival will include live music on two stages, juried craft and art vendors, magicians, stilt walker, juried art show, children's activities, specialty foods, and much more. Free parking is available at the public MARC parking lot off Rt. 197 at Lemons Bridge Road and a free shuttle will run between the lot and the festival. Limited parking will also be available on neighborhood streets.

Musicians will include such notable groups as *Fast Eddie & the Slowpokes*, *Outdabox*, and *Off the Grid*. Solo musicians include Bag Piper Kevin Watkins, guitarists, and vocalists Leron Young, and Bowie's police chief John Nesky. The Welcome Center and the Railroad museum will be open to explore Old Bowie's history and at the fire station, children can climb on an old fire truck.

The festival will stretch from 9th St to Maple Avenue on the north side of the bridge and from Chestnut Avenue to 12th Street on the south side of the bridge. Visit the festival website for more information at oldbowiecelebrates.us.

September is Emergency Preparedness Month

Disasters come in a variety of forms. Take some time this month to review your personal or your family's emergency preparedness plans and make sure you're ready for whatever nature may have in store for us next.

Visit our emergency preparedness [webpage](#) for tips, guidance, and checklists to help you become better prepared for emergencies.

Job Openings

The City of Bowie is currently seeking candidates for the following positions:

- Building Maintenance Worker – Community Services Dept. (closes 9/24/21)
- Transportation Specialist – Planning Dept. (closes 9/24/21)
- Entry Level Police Officer (open)
- Communications Specialist II – Police Dept. (open)

- Project Manager – Public Works Department (closes 9/16/21)
- Community Forester – Parks & Grounds Division (closes 9/24/21)
- Temporary Laborer (Part-time) – Public Works & Community Services Depts. (closes 9/23/21)

Visit www.cityofbowie.org/jobs for details or to apply.

Enjoy Coffee with a Cop at Starbucks on September 21

Coffee with a Cop brings police officers and the community members they serve together - over coffee - to discuss issues and learn more about each other. Join our cops on Tuesday, September 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Starbucks at Free State Shopping Center on Annapolis Road for coffee, light refreshments, and great conversation! Contact: 240-544-5792 or COPS@cityofbowie.org.

Movies Around the City – “Remember the Titans” at Allen Pond Park on September 24

Our Movies in the City series continues in September with “Remember the Titans” at Allen Pond Park. The movie will begin at dusk (approximately 7:30 p.m.). All are welcome. Bring a chair or blanket and flashlight. Light refreshments will be available for purchase. Questions or suggestions for future movie showings can be sent to Special Events Manager Matt Corley at mcorley@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3078.

Master Plan Update

The Preliminary Master Plan for Bowie-Mitchellville and Vicinity is now available on the M-NCPPC project [website](#). The Master Plan provides a vision for the City of Bowie and portions of the Mitchellville and Collington areas and describes how the plan area will grow and evolve over the next 25 years. It identifies strategies to achieve economic success for this area of Prince George’s County by recommending an increased mix of land uses at the Bowie Local Town Center, expanding economic development opportunities at the Free State Shopping Center/Bowie Marketplace area along MD 450 (Annapolis Road) and at the Collington Local Employment Area, revitalizing Old Town Bowie, and strategically investing along US 301/MD 3 (Robert Crain Highway), MD 450 (Annapolis Road), and MD 197 (Collington/Laurel Bowie Road).

This is a comprehensive master plan that contains recommendations for Land Use and Comprehensive Zoning, Economic Prosperity, Transportation and Mobility, Natural Environment, Housing and Neighborhoods, Community Heritage, Culture, and Design, Healthy Communities, and Public Facilities specific to Bowie-Mitchellville and Vicinity.

The City’s review process includes in-person public hearings before the Bowie Advisory Planning Board on **Tuesday, September 14, at 7 p.m.** and the City Council on **Monday, September 20 at 8 p.m.** For more information, contact the Planning Department at 301-809-3047.

Bowie Police Department Offering \$500 Incentive for Officer Candidate Referral

Would you like to have a say in who becomes a Bowie Police Officer? The Police Department has a new program that rewards community members who refer successful candidates for hire. You can receive \$500 if the officer candidate you refer is hired by the department. Payment will be made upon the new hire’s first day of field training. Additionally, new hires are eligible to receive a starting bonus of \$3,000 - \$9,000. For more information, please contact the Office of the Chief of Police at 240-544-5777.

Farmers’ Market

The Market is open 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Bowie High School parking lot (15200 Annapolis Road), each Sunday through October 31. A variety of vendors offer fresh, locally grown produce, fruit, plants, breads, pastries, jams and jellies, eggs, beef, pork and poultry. For information, contact Matt Corley at 301-809-3078 or mcorley@cityofbowie.org.

The 3 R's Webinar

Our next sustainability webinar takes place on September 15 at 3 p.m. It will provide attendees with an opportunity to better understand how to “reduce, reuse, and recycle” in the City of Bowie. To register, contact adiaz@cityofbowie.org or visit www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie.

Weed Warrior Workday

Join members of the Bowie Green Team in removing invasive English Ivy from trees in Whitemarsh Park on September 11 and September 25. (Student Service Learning hours can be earned at this event.) Work runs from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Hands-on training and tools are provided. Limited to 30 participants. To register, email adiaz@cityofbowie.org.

Get Help to Make Your Yard More Wildlife Friendly

Beginning September 23, the Prince George's Audubon Wildlife Habitat Program will again offer County residents the opportunity for a no-cost, on-site, visit with trained advisors working to bring positive change to your property or neighborhood site. To obtain more information, or request a visit, contact Kathy Shollenberger, audubonwildlifehabitat@gmail.com

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Friday, September 10

- [Wine & Design](#) | 7 – 10 p.m.

Saturday, September 11

- [Day of Service & Remembrance](#)
- [Summer's End Children's Program at the City Gym](#) | 10 a.m. - noon
- [Weed Warrior Workday](#) | 9 a.m. - noon

Sunday, September 12

- [Farmers' Market](#) | 8 a.m. – noon

Wednesday, September 15

- [3 R's Sustainability Webinar](#) | 3 – 4 p.m.

Saturday, September 18

- [Old Town Bowie Celebrates Festival](#) | 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Visit www.cityofbowie.org/calendar for details about other upcoming events sponsored by the City of Bowie.



Prince George's County and Bowie Vaccinations

The CDC vaccination data by county is based on the percentage of the eligible population.

Prince George's County Fully Vaccinated Residents (as of 9/7/21)	
Total #	527,413
% of Total Population	58%
# of Age 12+	527,374
% of Age 12+ Population	68.4%
# of Age 18+	491,987
% of Age 18+ Population	69.5%
# of Age 65+	106,470
% of Age 65 + Population	84.3%

Vaccination Resources

Visit covidvax.maryland.gov, or call 1-855-MD-GOVAX (1-855-634-6829) for information on vaccinations. The state-operated mass vaccination site at Six Flags has closed permanently.

Prince George's County is operating one vaccine clinic and several mobile units. Individuals 12 and older who live or work in Prince George's County are eligible to be vaccinated at these sites. Visit the [county vaccination webpage](#) for details.

Vaccine Bulletin

Each Friday, Prince George's County publishes a [weekly COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin](#). It provides the latest news on COVID-19 vaccinations in Prince George's County.

CDC Vaccination Card

If you were vaccinated at a Prince George's County Health Department site and did not receive a CDC vaccination card and you would like one, please email COVID19_VaxCard@co.pg.md.us with your name, address, date of birth, contact information, and the date and location of your vaccination. The Health

Department will process the request and produce a vaccination card. It may take the Health Department several days to process the request, but once your vaccination card is ready, staff will follow up via email.