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Reusable and Paper Bags replace Plastic Bags

The Better Bag initiative is now in effect (as of January 1). All stores and restaurants in Prince George's County are prohibited from providing single-use plastic bags at checkout. Stores can sell paper bags but must charge at least 10 cents each. Learn more about the "Better Bag Bill" ([CB-32-2023](#)) and the County's "[Bag it Right](#)" campaign.

Reusable bags are a great alternative to paper and plastic bags. County Council Member Ingrid Watson is giving reusable bags away on **February 23** from 8:30 to 10 a.m. outside of City Hall. If you can't make that date, giveaways will also take place on March 1 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the City of Greenbelt's Municipal Building (25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt) or on March 8 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Glenn Dale Community Center (11901 Glenn Dale Boulevard, Glenn Dale).

REUSABLE BAGS
Giveaway

February 23
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

City of Bowie
City Hall
15901 Fred Robinson Way

Sponsored by District 4 County Councilmember Ingrid Watson

National Anthem and Voice of Bowie Auditions

The chosen singer(s) will perform the National Anthem acapella and the Voice of Bowie will act as Master of Ceremonies at various City sponsored events.

Singers will be asked to perform the National Anthem acapella and sing one other song of their choice for the judging panel. Voice of Bowie candidates will be asked to read from a prepared script.

Auditions will be held on February 24, at 9 a.m. at the Kenhill Center. To schedule an audition or for further information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Manager at mcorley@cityofbowie.org or 301- 809-3078.

"The Upstanders" Movie Night is February 26

Bowie Youth & Family Services is sponsoring the Indieflix film "The Upstanders" on **February 26** at 6 p.m. at the Kenhill Center. Following the movie, there will be a discussion on preventing bullying in our neighborhoods and schools.

Social media's power means that bullying behavior is now a 24/7 phenomenon. "The Upstanders" film explores all sides of bullying, from the brain science, to how it plays out from subtle scenarios to full blown bullying. This film shares safe proven strategies and is rooted in character building. It inspires kindness, honesty, respect, empathy, trust and connection.

We encourage parents of middle and high schoolers to bring their students to watch the film and engage in this discussion on preventing bullying in our neighborhoods and schools.

Registration is required. Register here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7uR8b7B5rqIU46KSrPvEvHJsOn44RSQ0_HQ0spkNr_w4sVQ/viewform



"Community Matters" Discussion with Police Chief Dwayne Preston

Chief Dwayne A. Preston will hold his monthly community meeting at the Huntington Community Center (13002 8th Street) on **February 27** from 7 – 9 p.m. Agenda items include:

- The rise in theft from autos and motor vehicle thefts.
- Other resident concerns
- Q & A

#BowieSpeaks Community Conversation for Black History Month

The City of Bowie Diversity Committee invites you to attend the next #BowieSpeaks community conversation with the theme, "What Happened to the Dream?". The conversation will be held on **February 28** from 7 to 8 p.m. at Bowie City Hall located at 15901 Fred Robinson Way.

This is an opportunity to have open and honest dialogue about topics that matter to Bowie residents and hear the diverse perspectives of people who live, work, and thrive in Bowie including City leaders, residents, business owners, and students. The first panel discussion will be focused on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's I Have a Dream Speech. During the conversation, we will discuss what happened to "the dream" and contemplate how, as a diverse community, we can move/propel it forward.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Lori Cunningham at lcunningham@cityofbowie.org.



#BowieSpeaks
Community Conversations

FEBRUARY 28
BOWIE CITY HALL
7 P.M.

Join the Diversity Committee for a
community conversation in honor of Black
History Month. All ages are welcome.

VISIT: WWW.CITYOFBOWIE.ORG/BOWIESPEAKS

Green Citizen Award Nominations

The Green Citizen Award is back! Nominate a friend, family member, or neighbor who is making extraordinary contributions to our environment. They may own an electronic vehicle (EV) or solar panels, educate their neighbors, have installed a rain garden, or volunteer with the Green Team at "green" events. All these actions are eligible for nominations.

There are some restrictions on who can be nominated. The nominee cannot:

- have already won
- be employed by the City of Bowie

- be on a City Committee (Green Team volunteers NOT on the executive committee, but on a subgroup ARE eligible)

Nominations will be accepted until **February 29**. Visit www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie or contact Sustainability Manager Ashleigh Diaz at adiaz@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3044 to learn more.

Black History Month

The City of Bowie invites you to learn more about the role African Americans played in Bowie, Prince George's County, and Maryland history. Visit www.cityofbowie.org/blackhistorymonth for ways you can commemorate this month-long celebration.



Chronic Disease Self-Management Classes

February is American Heart Month! It's an ideal time to learn tips on how to manage your cardiovascular health and/or chronic conditions.

Start by signing up for the Prince George's County Health Department's FREE chronic disease self-management classes. Residents who are 18 years or older and have a chronic disease or conditions requiring ongoing medication are encouraged to register. Caregivers and/or relatives are welcome to join too.

The classes meet online on Mondays for six consecutive weeks from 4 to 6:30 p.m. starting **March 4**. Trained instructors help participants develop action plans to promote healthy lifestyles.

Learn more by signing up for an information session on **February 26** from 4 to 5 p.m. by emailing wellnessinfo@co.pg.md.us or calling 301-856-9465. The program link will be emailed to registered participants prior to the start of the program.

Kitty Hall

Cats will be taking over City Hall on **March 2** from 12 to 3 p.m. Bowie CLAW and Bowie Animal Control are teaming up to host an adoption clinic in the front lobby of Bowie City Hall to get foster cats and kittens into their forever homes. All cats will be spayed/neutered and vaccinated prior to being adopted.

We encourage you to start thinking about how you will welcome a new family member into your home. It is recommended that you keep your new cat in the bathroom or bedroom for the first few days as they adjust to their new surroundings. Cats are very sensitive to change, so taking things slowly can help you both start things off on the right foot. Every cat is different, but after the first few days, slowly introduce them to the rest of the household. Remember, this is a new world for them! It's not unusual to see your furry friend hiding more than socializing. As they settle in, they should gain confidence.

Please contact [Bowie CLAW](#) or Animal Control at 301-809-3002 with any questions.

A promotional poster for the Kitty Hall Adoption Event. The background is a dark green with a subtle pattern of paw prints. On the left, a tabby cat sits on a dark red oval. On the right, a fluffy kitten lies down. The text is centered and reads: "KITTY HALL ADOPTION EVENT" in large, light-colored serif font. Below it, "Forever homes needed for foster cats & kittens!" in a smaller, light-colored sans-serif font. The date and time are "March 2 12 - 3 P.M. City Hall" in a dark blue serif font. At the bottom, "Sponsored by Bowie Animal Control & Bowie CLAW" in a dark blue sans-serif font. A dark red starburst shape in the top right corner contains the text "Adopt! Don't Shop!" in white. There are also several pink hearts and paw prints scattered around the text.

Bowie Love Stories

Love is in the air! The City of Bowie not only loves history, but it also loves stories. Did your love story originate in Bowie? If so, complete this form at www.cityofbowie.org/sharestories and tell us how it all began. We'd like to compile an oral history featuring Bowie residents.

Keep Connected with Alert Bowie

The City of Bowie sends out text messages, emails, and occasional robo-calls, to anyone who has signed up for Alert Bowie to keep them informed about what's happening in the City. Receive the

latest information about city events, service updates, road closures, and occasional crime or traffic alerts by registering for this free service. Visit www.cityofbowie.org/alerts or call 301-809-3032.

New Food Waste Drop-off Site

A new option is available for residents interested in participating in the food waste curbside program but currently residing outside the current compost collection area. There are two 65-gallon bins located behind the Kenhill Center exclusively for food waste drop-off. Bring loose or unbagged food scraps and toss them into the bins. Contact Ashleigh Diaz at 301-809-3044 or adiaz@cityofbowie.org with questions and visit www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie for a list of acceptable food items.

Since the program began in December, over one ton of food waste has been dropped off at the new site and turned into compost rather than ending up in a landfill. Watch the video below to learn more.



Hall of Honor

In 1991, the Hall of Honor was created 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 his/her contribution or at the time of death.

You can nominate a family member at www.cityofbowie.org/hallofhonor. The nomination deadline is **March 4** by 5 p.m.

Job Openings

Visit our Job Vacancies page at www.cityofbowie.org/jobs to view job announcements and submit an online application.

If you have questions or require assistance with applying for jobs, please email the City of Bowie Human Resources Office at humanresources@cityofbowie.org or call 240-544-5613.

Closes February 23

- [Project Manager – Housing and Community Development](#) - City Manager’s Office
- [Accounting Technician \(Part Time\)](#) – Finance

Closes February 24

- [Gymnasium Supervisor \(Part Time\)](#) - Community Services

Closes March 1

- [Project Manager](#) – Community Services
- [Park Aide \(Part Time\)](#) – Community Services

Closes March 8

- [Senior Services Manager](#) – Community Services
- [Assistant Project Manager \(Contractual\)](#) – Community Services

Open Until Filled

- [911 Emergency Dispatcher \(Entry Level and Experienced\)](#) – Police Department
- [Police Officer \(Entry Level and Lateral\)](#) – Police Department
- [Solid Waste Collector](#) – Public Works
- [Solid Waster Driver/Collector](#) – Public Works

Calendar of Upcoming Events

February 23

- Reusable Bag Giveaway | 8:30 – 10 a.m.
- [Bowie Playhouse: “Urinetown the Musical”](#) | 8 p.m.

February 24

- [2024 National Anthem and Voice of Bowie Auditions](#) | 9 – 11 a.m.
- [Bowie Playhouse: “Urinetown the Musical”](#) | 8 p.m.

February 25

- [Bowie Playhouse: “Urinetown the Musical”](#) | 2 p.m.

February 26

- [Navigating a Conversation with your Children about Bullying](#) | 6 – 8 p.m.

February 27

- [“Community Matters” Discussion with Police Chief Dwayne Preston](#) | 7 – 9 p.m.

February 28

- [Fairy Tale Fun at Belair Mansion](#) | 10 a.m.

- [#BowieSpeaks Community Conversation](#) | 7 – 8 p.m.

February 29

- [Green Citizen Award Nomination Deadline](#) | 5 p.m.

March 1

- [Bowie Playhouse: “Urinetown the Musical”](#) | 8 p.m.

March 2

- [Kitty Hall Adoption Event](#) | 12 – 3 p.m.
- [Bowie Playhouse: “Urinetown the Musical”](#) | 8 p.m.

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