

THE CITY OF BOWIE
PRESENTS THE 36th ANNUAL

HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST



JUDGING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017

6:00PM - 11:00PM

JUDGING CRITERIA, RULES & AWARDS INFORMATION ARE ON THE BACK OF THIS FLYER.

HOME DECORATING ENTRY FORM (FORM MAY BE REPRODUCED)

DECORATING CATEGORY

CIRCLE ONE:

COLONIAL

RELIGIOUS

TRADITIONAL

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: HOME _____

WORK _____

EMAIL: _____

By sending in this form the participant gives the City of Bowie permission to use their name and picture of their house for future publicity.

MAIL OR DROP OFF YOUR ENTRY FORM TO:

BOWIE CITY HALL, 15901 EXCALIBUR ROAD, BOWIE, MD 20716
ATTN: HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00PM MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017



JUDGING CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

* Entrants will designate one of the 3 categories listed below:

- **Traditional** (colored or white lights, children's fantasies, Santa Claus and friends, etc.)
- **Religious** (of any denomination)
- **Colonial** (candles in the windows, greenery, white lights, the Williamsburg look...)

All categories will be scored by the judges using the following criteria:

- Creativity: Originality, effort, number of materials used, homemade vs. commercially made.
- Appearance: Color coordination, balance and overall attractiveness will be major factors.
- Effort: Time and energy put into preparation and presentation.

AWARDS

Family Awards:

Pirmohamed Family Award in Memory Diamond Pirmohamed whose love of family will always be remembered. (\$100) Incorporates Animation or other methods to intrigue children and encourage family interaction

Mateik-Pitts Family Award (\$100)

Best first time entries

Best of Bowie Awards (White House Ornament)

Bowie Spirit Awards (Belair Mansion Ornament)

CONTEST RULES

- * Home must be located within the Bowie City limits. (Please check with us if you're not sure.)
- * Contest is limited to what can be seen from the street side of the house at night.
- * People and live animals are not allowed as part of the display.
- * All participants are requested to keep their houses decorated through December 31ST so the Community may view and enjoy them.
- * Entry deadline is Monday, December 11, 2017 at 5:00 pm.
- * Judging is on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 between 6:00 - 11:00 pm.
- * Winners will be notified by phone on Friday, December 15, 2017.
- * Judges' decisions are final.
- * Awards will be given out at the Holiday Awards Reception on Monday, December 18, 2017, 7:00 pm. All contest entrants are invited and encouraged to attend.

If you have any questions, please call Bowie City Hall at 301-809-3078
or send an email to mcorley@cityofbowie.org