

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

**Brown Bag Lunch Lecture
"Talking Turkey—Thanksgiving History"**

Belair Mansion

12:00 - 1:00 PM
Bring a brown bag lunch; coffee and tea provided
12207 Tulip Grove Drive
Free, no reservations required
For additional info call 301-809-3089
museumevents@cityofbowie.org

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Kids Kaboose

Bowie Train Station and Welcome Center

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
8606 Chestnut Avenue
Fun for youngsters ages 1—10 at the Railroad Station
Free, no reservations required
For additional info call 301-575-2488
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

**Black Friday at the Mansion Shop
25% Off Shop Till You Drop**

Belair Mansion

12:00 - 4:00 PM
12207 Tulip Grove Drive
Free, no reservations required
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

**Taste of the Past
Enjoy samples of food from the past in
Belair's 1930's kitchen**

Belair Mansion

12:00 - 4:00 PM
12207 Tulip Grove Drive
Free, no reservations required
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

**Trainspotting Day at the Railroad
Bowie Train Station and Welcome Center**

Trainspotting Day

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
8606 Chestnut Avenue
Trainwatch as lots of unusual cars whizz by on AMTRAK's busiest day of the year. Youngsters (and Grownups) can visit the **Welcome Center** next door to leave their Christmas List with Santa & Mrs. Claus
Free and open to the public
Donations for the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry Requested
For additional info call 301-575-2488

WEEKENDS IN DECEMBER

**Holiday Broadcasting from the Past
Radio & Television Museum**

Fridays 10:00 AM—5:00 PM
Saturdays & Sundays 1:00—5:00 PM
Enjoy a look at holiday programming from the past
Free and open to the public - donations welcome
For additional info call 301-309-1020

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

Holiday Bazaar

Bowie Senior Center

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
14900 Health Center Drive
Members only can rent a table for \$5.00
Event is Free and open to the public
For additional info call 301-809-2300

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Kinder Kristmas

Belair Mansion

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
12207 Tulip Grove Drive
Youngsters ages 3-10 are invited to a special holiday morning at the Mansion—Tours & crafts and a special visit with Mrs. Claus!
Free, No reservation
Donation to the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry requested
Children must be accompanied by an adult
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Twilight Tours of Belair by Candlelight

4:00 - 7:00 PM
Enjoy holiday decorations from the past, the music of Bedlam and cider in the kitchen
Mansion 12207 Tulip Grove Drive
Free, No reservation required
Donation for the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry requested
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

**Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony
At the Belair Mansion**

7:00 PM
12207 Tulip Grove Drive
Caroling, and a special visit from SANTA CLAUS!
Free and open to the public
Donation for the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry Requested
For additional info, call 301-809-3011 or email mcorley@cityofbowie.org

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

**Christmas Caroling with the Choraleers
Belair Mansion**

7:00 PM
Soak up the holiday spirit as the Bowie Senior Center Choraleers perform holiday music in 18th century surroundings
12207 Tulip Grove Drive
No reservation required—Free
Please bring a donation for the Food Pantry
For additional info, call 301-809-3089
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Holiday Concert

**Bowie Senior Center
Bowie Senior Chorale**

1:00 PM
14900 Health Center Drive
For Senior Center Members
Donations to Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry requested
For additional info call 301-809-2300

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Saturday Fun with Santa

Bowie Gym

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
4100 Northview Drive
Ages 10—under
Pictures with Santa, music, face painting, games, moon bounces, goodie bags and more
Admission \$3 or a new unwrapped toy to benefit Toys For Tots campaign of the Bowie Police Department
For more information call 301-809-2388

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

**Santa's Big Broadcast
Radio & Television Museum**

1:00—5:00 PM
Vintage Holiday Radio & Television Programming
Free and open to the public - donations welcome
For additional info call 301-390-1020

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

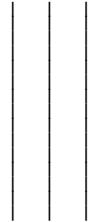
Snowflake Tea

Belair Mansion

Begin the holiday season with an elegant tea at the Mansion!
4:00 PM
12207 Tulip Grove Drive
\$25 per person—Advance registration/payment required
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City of Bowie
Attn: Holiday House Decorating Contest
15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, MD 20716



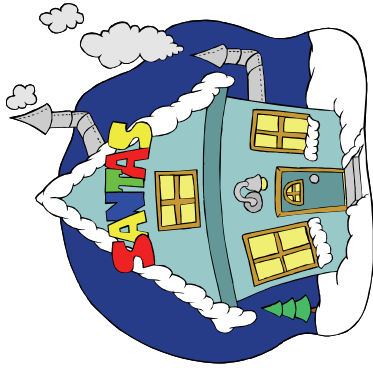
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CITY OF BOWIE HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST ENTRY FORM

(FORM MAY BE REPRODUCED)

DECORATING CATEGORY

CIRCLE ONE: COLONIAL RELIGIOUS TRADITIONAL (Select one)



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE #: HOME: _____ WORK: _____ CELL: _____

EMAIL: _____

FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 PM MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 2011:
BOWIE CITY HALL, ATTN: HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST,
15901 Excalibur Road
BOWIE, MD 20716

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



**The City of Bowie
 Presents the
 30th Annual
 HOLIDAY
 House
 DECORATING
 Contest**

**Judging will be held on
 Wednesday, December 14, 2011
 6:00 - 11:00 PM**

CONTEST RULES & INFORMATION

- Home must be located within the Bowie City limits. (please check with City Hall if you are not sure.)
- Contest is limited to what can be seen from the street side of the house at night.
- People or 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 12, 2011 at 5:00 PM.
- Judging is on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 between 6:00 PM and 11:00 PM. Participants must turn on their displays by 6:00 PM in order for the judges to evaluate each entry.
- Winners will be notified by phone on Friday, December 16, 2011.
- Judges' decisions are final.
- Prizes will be awarded at the Holiday Awards Reception on Monday, December 19, 2011 at 7:00 PM at Bowie City Hall. All contest entrants are invited and encouraged to attend.

JUDGING CATEGORIES

- Traditional (colored or white lights, children's fantasies, Santa Claus, etc.)
- Religious (of any religion or denomination)
- Colonial (greenery, white lights, the "Williamsburg Look")

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Creativity
- Appearance
- Effort

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12
Holiday House Decorating Contest
Entry Deadline - 5:00 PM
Bowie City Hall
 15901 Excalibur Road
 See reverse of this brochure for details and entry information.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16
Holiday Party
Bowie Senior Center
 11AM—2 PM
 14900 Health Center Drive
 \$8 Resident \$9 Non-Resident
 For Seniors 55 years or older
 Lunch Included
 Advance Registration Required by Thursday, Dec 8th
 For additional info call 301-809-2300

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16
Holiday Concert
Bowie Center for the Performing Arts
Bowie Senior Chorale
 7:30 PM
 15200 Annapolis Road
 Tickets are \$6 per person and can be purchased at the Bowie Senior Center 301-809-2300

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27
Kringle Kaboose
Bowie Railroad Museum
 10:30 AM—12:00 PM
 8606 Chestnut Avenue
 Holiday Train fun at the museum for Ages 1-10
 Games, Stories and train spotting!
 Free—No Reservation Required
 Children must be accompanied by an adult.
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30
Winter Wonderland Tea
Belair Mansion
 4:00 PM
 12207 Tulip Grove Drive
 Hosting out of town guests... or simply relaxing for the holiday?
 Enjoy an elegant tea in the decorated mansion
 Reservation/Advance Payment required \$24 per person
 For additional info call 301-809-3089
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**Holiday
 Happenings
 in
 Bowie
 2011**



**Programs and Activities Sponsored
 by the City of Bowie**
**For more information call
 301-262-6200**

Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. Please contact City Hall one (1) week prior to the event you plan to attend to make special arrangements.