

THE CITY OF BOWIE  
PRESENTS THE 37th ANNUAL

# HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST



JUDGING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018  
6:00PM - 11:00PM

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

## HOME DECORATING ENTRY FORM (FORM MAY BE REPRODUCED)

CHECK ONE:                      DECORATING CATEGORY  
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 10, 2018**



## 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 who 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 31<sup>ST</sup> so the Community may view and enjoy them.
- \* Entry deadline is Monday, December 10, 2018 at 5:00 pm.
- \* Judging is on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 between 6:00 -11:00 pm.
- \* Winners will be notified by phone on Friday, December 14, 2018.
- \* Judges' decisions are final.
- \* Awards will be given out at the Holiday Awards Reception on Monday, December 17, 2018, 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](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org)