

THE CITY OF BOWIE
PRESENTS THE 42nd ANNUAL

HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST



JUDGING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023

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 FRED ROBINSON WAY, BOWIE, MD 20716
ATTN: HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00PM MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023



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 Coffee Mug)

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 4, 2023 at 5:00 pm.
- * Judging is on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 between 6:00 -11:00 pm.
- * Judges' decisions are final.
- * Awards will be given out at the Holiday Awards Reception on Monday, December 18, 2023, 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