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Merry Christmas



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**Dear Jacqueline D.,**

WELCOME to the latest edition of the Byrd & Byrd email newsletter! It's our "Christmas Edition"! We hope that you enjoy this newsletter and find a little Christmas joy along with the latest news from Byrd & Byrd. Happy Reading!



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## **Merry Christmas!!!** from all of us here at Byrd & Byrd

Byrd & Byrd wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We hope this holiday season is full of joy and happiness, that wonderful memories are made this year, and the company of family and friends warms your hearts.

From all of us here at Byrd & Byrd, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## **An Expanding Byrdhouse**

The Byrd & Byrd extended family continues to grow! Our legal assistant, Bryce Blackford, and his wife, Kristen, are now proud parents of a healthy baby boy named Dawson Jeremiah. He was born on November 3 and weighed in at 7 lbs 15 oz. Mom and baby are doing great... and isn't he cute?

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**Byrd & Byrd Voted  
Best Attorney in Bowie  
Two Years in a Row**



**YouTube Video  
of the Month  
(Christmas Edition)**



We love sharing good news with our readers... especially during the holiday season!

**Don't forget to check out the YouTube Videos of the Month (on the right) ---->**

## **FREE Holiday Fun Throughout the Region**

Here at Byrd & Byrd, we want our newsletter to be a resource for family looking to enjoy the holidays with their family and friends. So we have provided you with a list of several activities and locations around the area that offer FREE holiday experiences. From the lighting of Christmas trees to parades of lights, we hope you can find something here to bring in the holiday cheer.

### **National Christmas Tree in Washington, D.C.**

The National Christmas Tree is open through January 1, 2012. The National Christmas Tree and the Pathway of Peace is illuminated during the holiday season each evening from dusk until 11pm. Seasonal displays include a Yule log, a large-scale model train and a Christmas manger. Musical performances by volunteer choirs and dancers are held nightly on the Ellipse Stage. For more information, call (202) 208-1631.

### **Annapolis Christmas Lights Boat Parade**

December 10 6-8pm - The Annapolis community celebrates Christmas in style with the Eastport Yacht Club Parade of Lights, an annual holiday tradition with boat owners showing off their Christmas light decorations through the Annapolis Harbor.

### **ZooLights at the National Zoo in Washington D.C.**

Friday through Sunday nights until December 11 and every night after December 16 until the New Year, the National Zoo presents a seasonal display of thousands of sparkling animated lights, winter-themed crafts, ice sculpting demonstrations, choral groups, and storytellers - all for FREE. Visit <http://nationalzoo.si.edu/> for more information or call 202.633.4888.

### **Merriment in Georgetown**

December 9-20 - The street festival showcases the neighborhood's fashionable boutiques, specialty stores and popular restaurants with live entertainment including the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Boat Parade of Lights!!

### **Festival of Lights at the Washington, DC Mormon Temple**

Through the New Year, the Washington DC Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, also known as the Mormon Temple, is open to all during the Christmas season. This impressive church and its surrounding grounds

In the spirit of the holidays, we bring you two Christmas videos that will hopefully bring a smile to your face. From a comedian named Tim Hawkins, we wish a very Merry Christmas!

[Video 1](#)

[Video 2](#)

### **Testimonials**

"I really enjoy your column every week and find it so helpful. You do a really excellent job and provide such a worthwhile service to the elderly and their caregivers. It's about time I told you that :) "

-Ms. R.  
Bowie, MD

"We appreciate your kindness and patience as we read, re-read, and tried to comprehend all our legal documents. You made it very easy for us."

Ms. V  
Lanham, MD

### **Senior Moments Publications**

Jackie Byrd has published two books in recent years. *Senior Moments* and *Senior Moments 2*; both comprehensive and clearly written books for "Seniors and those who love them". They are based on weekly "Senior Moments" columns originally written for publication in the Bowie Blade-News of Bowie, Maryland and the Crofton News-Crier of Crofton, Maryland.

shine brightly with more than 450,000 sparkling Christmas lights. Each night, a difference local musical group performs a live concert in a state-of-the-art theater. Come on by for a visit and call 301-588-0650 for more information.

Now go enjoy the holidays!!

**Click Below to  
Purchase Your Copy  
Today**

[Senior Moments](#)  
[Senior Moments 2](#)

## **Christmas Memories** **Bowie Senior Chorale Holiday Concert**

Favorite memories of holidays past will come to mind as the Bowie Senior Chorale presents its annual Holiday Concert! Maybe you'll find those memories in the lyrics of selections from the movie "The Polar Express", or "Grown-Up Christmas List". The Chorale will also be bringing back "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch" and "The Man with the Bag," old favorites from previous concerts. Performance of "Christmas Memories," will be 7:30pm on Friday, December 16 at the Bowie Center for Performing Arts (BCPA).

The performance at the BCPA is open to the public, and will delight your entire family. The cost of tickets is \$6.00 per person. Tickets are available at the Senior Center Reception Desk by calling (301) 809-2300.

## **Bowie Receives A Wonderful Christmas Gift** **A Sneak Peek at Jackie's Most Recent Column**

Bowie is about to receive an amazing and much-needed Christmas present courtesy of Prince George's County and Accessible Taxi, Inc.

Yes, you read it correctly. Beginning in January, Prince George's County will have 15 bright and shiny new accessible cabs, made in the USA, and transporting folks in the county to their destinations. The vehicles themselves arrive from the factory after having been designed from the ground up for wheelchair accessibility. There is no aftermarket conversion. Each taxi meets or exceeds requirements of the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act.) Each has a 36" by 56" doorway featuring low step-in that allows easy entry for all passengers. The van seats up to 5 passengers comfortably.

There's more. The company provides complimentary, door to door service to its clientele. In other words, you are not required to be standing at the curb when your transportation arrives. If needed, the driver will meet you at your door and assist you to the vehicle.

Fares, established by the jurisdiction in which the taxicab is licensed, will be determined by operation of a meter. The drivers will accept county-provided transportation vouchers, and debit and credit cards. There is not an extra charge for the accessible taxis, and service is available 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

Accessible taxis provide options that other services cannot. For instance, Metro Access is a part of the public transportation system for the greater DC area. As a result, Metro's shared-ride service for persons with disabilities requires a call a day in advance and keeps to a strict schedule. With wheelchair accessible taxis, riders can come and go as they please. "Paratransit is very limited. They're on a schedule," said Richard DeVlyder, a senior adviser for accessible transportation to U. S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. "Whereas taxicabs are used to doing things on the fly and they're used to picking people up and changing times and changing locations without any problems. It gives people with disabilities a lot more flexibility."

To learn more about this amazing service coming to our area, read this article in its entirety by clicking [here](#).

## Want to Be the Next "American Idol"?

Do you love to sing? Wish you could be on American Idol? If you are a Prince George's County Senior over 60 years old, you can audition for an opportunity to represent Prince George's County at the Maryland Senior Idol Program which will be held April 4, 2012 in the Bowie Performing Arts Theatre. Auditions are on Monday, January 9th in Camp Springs, Tuesday January 10th in Laurel and Wednesday January 11 in Landover. Call 301-446-3400 to register to audition. The Prince George's County Senior Idol winner will receive a \$100 Visa Gift Card and will advance to the Maryland Senior Idol competition. The Maryland Idol competition is sponsored by Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning, Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation.

**If you are interested in having an Attorney from Byrd & Byrd speak to your organization, or at a special event, please contact us at 301-464-7448.**

### About Our Firm

The Law Firm of Byrd & Byrd, LLC provides services in Elder Law and Construction Law, a rare combination that reflects the passion and life experience of its partners. The firm is also a general practice firm that manages issues of personal injury, family law, personal injury, wrongful death and medical malpractice.

Known for building strong long-term relationships with our clients, the firm's attorneys excel at making complicated legal issues easier to understand. Whether assisting a contractor, subcontractor, builder or property owner with contract or construction litigation, or helping an elderly client find appropriate housing, apply for Medicaid eligibility, or execute powers of attorney, the firm offers wise and experienced counsel and guidance.

### Our Mission Statement

Byrd & Byrd, LLC is dedicated to protecting and serving senior citizens and those who love them. Our key objective is to give our clients the gift of information, so that with their knowledge, they can achieve all the benefits that the law guarantees. We will always perform our mission in strict accordance to the law and the highest possible moral and ethical standards

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