

NEWS RELEASE

Orland Park Again Sponsors Christmas House Decorating Contest

Competition Categories Include

“Clark Griswold” and “Charlie Brown”

ORLAND PARK, IL – Residents of the Village of Orland Park will again be recognized for exceptional outdoor holiday decorations. The village is sponsoring its second annual Christmas House Decorating Contest, inviting single family homeowners to enter.

Participation in the contest is free and open to residents of single family homes within the corporate limits of the Village of Orland Park. Completed entry forms must be received at the Village Hall by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2009.

“We had a great response last year, during our first contest,” said Trustee Kathy Fenton, chair of the village’s Special Events and Outreach Committee. “We’re hoping even more residents enter this year because there are so many beautifully decorated homes throughout the village every year,” she added.

Participants are invited to compete in one of five categories, including the best religious display, most nostalgic, best theme, Clark Griswold or Charlie Brown.

“Best religious, most nostalgic and best theme are self-explanatory,” Fenton noted, adding, “The Clark Griswold Award is named for Chevy Chase’s character in the movie ‘Christmas Vacation’.”

“For this category, we’re looking for the family that goes above and beyond with lights and decorations. For example, if one family member has a tendency to go overboard with outside decorations, perhaps another family member would nominate him or her,” Fenton said smiling.

The Charlie Brown Award is for any building on the resident’s property other than the family home. “Participants can decorate their kids’ play sets, the shed, doghouse or any structure that is not connected to the main house,” Fenton explained.

Judging will take place the weekend of Friday, December 11 through Sunday, December 13. “Everyone should be sure that their lights are on that weekend,” Fenton said. Winners will be honored at a Village Board meeting in early 2010.

Entry forms are available at Orland Park’s Frederick T. Owens Village Hall or on the village’s website at www.orland-park.il.us. For more information, call 708/403-6140.

PHOTO CAPTION

Most nostalgic honors for the Village of Orland Park's 2008 Christmas House Decorating Contest went to the Cantillon family of Peachtree Lane. Residents of single family homes within the corporate limits of the Village of Orland Park are invited to compete. Entry forms are available at the Village Hall or on the village's website at www.orland-park.il.us. The deadline to enter is December 1, 2009.