Washington Township Recreation

7th Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest

"Get ready to ignite the night! The holiday battle is back"

Important Dates:

Entry Registration Period: 11/02/26 – 12/04/26
Judging Period: 12/7/26 – 12/09/26
Winners Announced & Prizes Given out: 12/12/26

Please read the following rules and instructions. If you have any questions, contact the Recreation Office at **(908) 876-5941** or email **recreation@wtmorris.net**. The registration form is available on the Recreation website: **recreation.wtmorris.org**.

1. **Entry is free**-no cost.
2. **Eligibility** – Open to all residents of Washington Township, Long Valley, NJ.
3. **Deadline** – Registration must be received by **12:00 PM (noon) on Friday, December 4, 2026**.
4. **Judging Guidelines**
   - Only exterior decorations will be evaluated (including window displays visible from outside).
   - Judging will be conducted from the street; judges will not enter properties or view back/side yards.
   - Decorations on the street-facing side of the property will be considered.
   - Please make sure the house is visible from the street.
5. **Photo Consent** – Participants agree to have one or more photos of their decorated exterior posted on the Recreation website and social media.
6. **Judging Categories**
   - 1st Place
   - 2nd Place
   - 3rd Place
   - Community Choice – Only addresses registered for the contest will be eligible.
7. **Judging Period** – Judging will take place **from dusk to 8:00 PM**, **December 7–9, 2026**, depending on number of entries.
   - Please ensure all lights, animations, and decorations are active during those evenings.
8. **Prizes** – Awarded to winners in each category.
9. **Award Ceremony** – Winners will be announced at the **Jolly Jamboree**, held on **Saturday, December 12, 2026 at 3:00 PM** at **Rock Spring Park**.
   - Winners will receive yard signage and a prize.
10. **Attendance Requirement** – A representative must be present to accept the award and be photographed.



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REGISTRATION FORM

Get ready to ignite the night! The holiday light battle is back, and we're officially challenging you to unleash your festive genius! Power up those inflatables, untangle those light strands, and deck out your yard to transform our town into the ultimate winter wonderland. Whether you're going for classic holiday sparkle or an epic synchronized light show, your masterpiece could win you awesome prizes, a champion yard sign, and the ultimate neighborhood bragging rights.

The top decorators will be honored at our "Jolly Jamboree" on Saturday, December 12, 2026, at 3 PM at Rock Spring Park Pavilion. Winners will receive a prize and yard signage to show off their holiday spirit in style!

To join the fun, just submit your signed entry form by 12 PM on Friday, December 4, 2026. You can send it by mail to Washington Township Recreation, 50 Rock Road, Long Valley, NJ 07853, or email it to recreation@wtmorris.net.

Your lights, your flair, your festive spirit—it's time to make magic. Let's see what you've got!

Entry Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Location of Entry Address: _____

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Email Address: _____

Read and Initial: I am fully aware that no interaction is allowed whatsoever with the judges should you be present at your home when they come around. Do not greet them, do not invite them inside, and no contact is allowed. I am fully aware of the risks inherent and herby give my consent to participate in this activity offered by Washington Township Recreation. I hereby release Washington Township, any of its elected or appointed officials, employees, and volunteers from any and all liability from injuries, claims, demands, costs, loss of services, expenses or damages sustained by me, us, or our minor children due to our participation in said event. **Participants must agree to have photos and/or videos of their decorated residence exterior posted on Washington Township's social media pages and website** _____ Initials

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

website: recreation.wtmorris.org **Email:** recreation@wtmorris.net