

## Stratford's Annual Holiday Decorating Contest



The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Stratford Holiday Home and Business Decorating Contest will be held this season.

Dig out your holiday lights, reindeer, candy canes, and begin baking, for a new Stratford tradition is about to begin. Decorate the outside of your house and yard in the most festive and creative manner.

Nominate your home, a friend's, or any home online at <a href="https://www.townofstratford.com/HolidayDecoratingContest">www.townofstratford.com/HolidayDecoratingContest</a> by emailing the homeowner's address, name, email or phone, and picture (if possible) to <a href="mailto:recreation@townofstratford.com">recreation@townofstratford.com</a>. Addresses will be

posted at online as they are submitted.

Take a drive around Stratford, then vote for your favorite home online. We hope you enjoy choosing the "over the top" Clark Griswald award winner, and 3 runner ups. Judging will be a combination of email voting and a band of anonymous Beautification Committee elves and Santa's Helpers. Judging takes place from the street after dark, and after the nomination deadline.

Nomination Period - December 1-12, 2014

Email to recreation@townofstratford.com

Vote at www.townofstratford.com from December 13-19, 2014

Viewing by Santa's Helpers – December 13-19, 2014

Winners announced at <u>www.townofstratford.com</u> - December 23, 2014

- 1. Entry Applications must be received via email by 5pm on **December 12<sup>th</sup>**.
- 2. Contest is for exterior decorations only, including windows decorations visible from the exterior.
- 3. Participants agree to have photos of their decorated residence exterior posted on the town website and/or published in local media.
- 4. Judging criteria will include (a) originality unique design and creative use of lights and decorations; (b) arrangement display and placement of decorations and use of space; (c) theme story line or scene; (d) overall presentation Judging will be done from outside the residence only. Judging by curb appeal as viewed from the street. Total of four prizes will be awarded
- 5. Participants should ensure that all lights, animations and decorations are in place and activated for the judging period.

We hope this contest adds more fun to the holiday season

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