

The first annual Town of Seymour Holiday Home Decorating Contest will be held this season with the following dates:

Entry Application Period: 11/19/2020 through 12/15/2020

Judging Period: 12/16/2020 through 12/19/2020

Winners Notified: 12/21/2020 **Announced at First Board of Selectman Meeting:** 1/5/2021

Please read these instructions and if you have any questions contact adanka@seymourct.org or 475-202-3129.

1. Participation is open to all residents within the boundaries of the Town of Seymour.
2. Entry is free, no fees apply. Decorations at participant's cost.
3. Employees of the Town of Seymour are welcome to participate and share their address for all to enjoy, but will not be eligible to win a prize.
4. Entry Applications must be received no later than 5pm on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. Applications are on the town's webpage www.seymourct.org . Send completed applications to: adanka@seymourct.org. Note: Town takes no responsibility for lost entries.
5. Contest is for exterior decorations only, including decorations in windows that are visible from the exterior. Judging will be done from outside the residence only.
6. Judging will be based on "curb appeal" as viewed from the street only. Therefore, only those decorations located on the street side of the property will be judged (corner lots can be judged from both streets). Judges will not enter the property to view back or side yards.
7. Participants agree to have one or more photos of their decorated residence exterior posted on the Town of Seymour Website and/or published in the Valley Independent Sentinel.
8. Judging criteria will include: [a] traditional "Martha Stewart;" [b] extreme "Clark Griswold," [c] presentation of a story or theme ("winter wonderland," "Candyland," "Disney," "the Grinch," etc.).
9. Judging will be done from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 12/16/2020. Depending on the number of entries or inclement weather, judging may continue from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday (12/17/2020 – 12/19/2020). All judging will be completed no later than 8:00 p.m. on 12/19/2020.
10. Participants should ensure that all lights, animations and decorations are in place and activated for the judging periods on all nights.
11. An Entry Number Card will be provided to each participant. This card must be affixed to the exterior of the residence in a prominent place where it can be seen by the judges from the street.
12. Three prizes will be awarded for each category: 1st prize \$200 gift card; 2nd prize \$150 gift card; 3rd prize \$100 gift card.
13. Winners will be notified 12/21/2020 and then announced at the first Board of Selectmen's Meeting on January 5, 2021.
14. The first 20 entrants will have a \$20 donation made to the Seymour-Oxford Food Bank in the participant's name.
15. **Be creative, be festive, have fun!**

Christmas Lights Application:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Overall Theme: traditional, extreme, or story/theme?

I agree to have pictures shared on the Valley Independent Sentinel as well as the Town of Seymour's website. Yes or No?

I agree to share home address on the town's webpage as a participant so neighbors may drive-by and enjoy. Yes or No?

For Judging Committee Use Only:

Entry Number Card: _____