

REGISTRATION TO ENTER CANTON'S 2020

Deadline November 25 to

Village or Town Clerk

HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST

CHECK FOR ONE OR MORE: Outside of House ___ Front Yard Tree(s) ___ Children's Yard Art ___

NAME _____ **ADDRESS** _____ **E-MAIL/PHONE** _____

Co-Sponsored by Holiday of Lights Committee & Canton Chamber of Commerce

PROGRESS REPORT Since October 8, 2020 Holiday of Lights Committee Meeting @ North Country Savings

1. **ATTENDEES:** Carol Johnson, Phyllis Howard, Brad Mintener (Brad reported to Carol after talking w/ C of C.)
2. **CO-SPONSORSHIP with CANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE for SANTA'S NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR and THE HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST:** Brad spoke with C of C President Carol Spadaccini, who contacted her board and then called Brad to say they agreed to the co-sponsorship. Carol then put C of C Executive Director Tammy Mackin in touch with Brad to work out plans and logistics. See number 6 below.
3. **SANTA:** Carol spoke with Tim about playing Santa for the half day on Saturday, November 28, rather than the usual evening after Thanksgiving of Santa with children in the Village Green. We did not want to leave Santa out of greeting Canton children due to COVID-19.
4. **TREE and LIGHTING on VILLAGE GREEN:**
 - a. Brad spoke with Mayor Mike Dalton who agreed to join Brad to look for a large pine tree donor. Mike is checking with Fire Department contacts. Brad is checking with friend who has tree farm. Decision to be made week after Halloween. Would work with village to transport tree to Village Green and erect tree with wood stand, to be wired at top to stay up against wind. Village would decorate tree with lights.
 - b. Lighting with Santa, Mayor and H of L Committee representative, would be for media photo-opp only & memory tags, but without children and spectators. Lighting would take place at 6:00p.m., Thursday, November 27, when Main Street tree and wreath lights would be turned on as usual. Brad will contact media (WDT, NCTW, and TV7)
5. **SANTA'S NEIGHBORHOOD VISIT IN VILLAGE ONLY:**
 - a. Brad is working on an appropriate transport for Santa to visit village only, not rural part of town. Monica has no way to help. Will either borrow a driver, small enclosed tractor and decorated wagon from Canton farmer or owner of John Deere dealership. Also arranging for recorded carols on board with Santa.
 - b. Not sure what role, if any, Canton Police would/should play in guiding Santa through neighborhood ?
6. **HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST:** Chamber would like to have rural part of town involved. Brad agreed to design **REGISTRATION FORM and POSTER.** Would NCS run off 75 posters ? Tammy and Brad to coordinate news release and coverage. Need to select judging panel. Several business owners felt \$250, \$200, and \$100 prize amounts would be an incentive to decorate and enter contest. Donors would give in name of a grandchild. Have \$100 agreed to and close on others. Judging would be held during the week before Christmas.