

Cardinal Community Christmas

10th Annual Tree Decorating Contest

Greetings!

As a part of Stillman Valley's Cardinal Community Christmas event on December 5, we will be hosting our 10th Annual Tree Decorating Contest! Local schools, churches, organizations, and businesses are invited to participate in this community tradition!

There is no fee to enter the contest and trees will be provided. The trees will be on display outside at the corner of Main and Maple streets in downtown Stillman Valley during the holiday season for all to enjoy.

Monetary prizes will be awarded in four (4) categories:

1. Creativity/Originality
2. Best Use of Theme
3. Overall Appearance
4. People's Choice

Winners for the first three categories will be displayed near the trees during Cardinal Community Christmas on Sunday, December 5. There will be no official tree lighting ceremony this year. All tree entries will be eligible for the "People's Choice" award that will take place via online voting starting Monday, December 6 with the winner being announced on Friday, December 10.

Please see the enclosed application for more details and safety guidelines. Space is limited to the first 25 groups on a first-come, first-serve basis, so reserve your tree today! Questions? Please contact Cassie Bull or Jennifer Wheeler at Stillman Bank at 815-645-2266.

We hope you'll be able to join us!

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General Health & Safety Guidelines:

In order to keep all of our participants safe and healthy while decorating their trees, we ask the following:

- Each organization limits the number of people decorating at one time to **20 or less**.
- Please try to keep a 6ft distance from others that may be decorating around you.

General Tree Guidelines:

- One 7' live tree, one sign marker, and one 100 watt electrical source will be provided.
- Choose your own theme! Heritage, school/community spirit, sports, etc.
- Weather-resistant ornaments should be used. (Keep in mind that trees may be exposed to various weather conditions, as well as birds, squirrels, and other visitors. Please no food items.)
- Space is limited to the first 25 groups on a first-come, first-serve basis. **Deadline: Thursday, November 18, 2021.**
- Confirmations will be mailed to each organization.
- Groups may decorate starting Friday, November 26. In order to be included in judging, trees must be decorated by **Friday, December 3, 2021**.

Prizes:

Trees will be judged and cash prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

1. Creativity/Originality
2. Best Use of Theme
3. Overall Appearance
- 4 People's Choice

Applications must be submitted no later than Thursday, November 18, 2021.

2021 Christmas Tree Decorating Contest Application

Name of Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____ Number of people in your group: _____

Additional Requests (large or small tree, specific tree location, etc): _____

While we cannot guarantee all requests will be able to be met, we will make every effort to accommodate your needs.

Please return applications by November 18, 2021 to:

Stillman Bank, Attn: Tree Decorating Contest, 101 E. Main Street, P.O. Box 150, Stillman Valley, IL 61084
or scan and email to marketing@stillmanbank.com