

# Cardinal Community CHRISTMAS

## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Decorating Contest

Greetings!

As a part of Stillman Valley's Cardinal Community Christmas event on **Sunday, December 7**, we will be hosting our 14<sup>th</sup> 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 announced at the official Tree Lighting Ceremony during Cardinal Community Christmas on Sunday, December 7.

Please see the enclosed application for more details and guidelines. Space is limited to **28 groups** on a first-come, first-serve basis, so reserve your tree today!

Questions? Please contact Jennifer Kerch or Cassie Bull at Stillman Bank at 815.645.2266.

We hope you'll be able to join us!

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Local schools, churches, businesses, and community organizations are all invited to sign up to participate in our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Decorating Contest. Reminder, there is **no fee** to enter the contest and the trees will be provided. The trees will be on display outside at the corner of Main and Maple streets during the holiday season.

## General Tree Guidelines:

- One 8' live tree, one sign marker, and one 100 watt electrical source will be provided.
- Choose your own theme! Heritage, school/community spirit, sports, etc. **Tree themes may not be political or divisive. Stillman Bank reserves the right to remove any decorations or trees not meeting these criteria.**
- 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 28 groups on a first-come, first-serve basis. **Deadline: Friday, November 21, 2025**
- Confirmations will be sent, matching the method we received your organization's application (mailed or emailed).
- Groups may start decorating on **Friday, November 28, 2025**. To be included in judging for *Creativity/Originality, Best Use of Theme & Overall Appearance*, trees must be decorated **by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 5, 2025**.

## 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 Friday, November 21, 2025.**

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## 2025 Christmas Tree Decorating Contest Application

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Tree Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

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 21, 2025 to:**

**Stillman Bank, Attn: Tree Decorating Contest, 101 E. Main Street, P.O. Box 150, Stillman Valley, IL 61084  
or email to [jenniferk@stillmanbank.com](mailto:jenniferk@stillmanbank.com)**