The Sound of Winter Magic
Community Decoration Challenge

RULES & INSTRUCTIONS

The Town of Parry Sound is inviting all residents to decorate their homes and businesses in the spirit of the holiday season. Show your community pride and beautify your home or business with winter holiday themed decorations! String lights on your home, build a snowman family in your front yard, hang stockings in your store front window – anything to show your love for the holiday season! The Sound of Winter Magic will be held within the following dates:

Registration: November 16, 2026-December 6, 2026
Contest Judging: December 8, 2026 - December 17, 2026
Winners Announced: December 18, 2026

Please read these rules and instructions carefully, and complete the registration form. If you have any questions, please contact Jayme Young at 705-746-2701 ext. 201. Entry nomination forms can be submitted to the Town Office, online at www.parrysound.ca/wintermagic, or via email to jyoung@parrysound.ca

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1. Registration is open to all residents and businesses within the boundaries of the Town of Parry Sound.
2. Entry is free, there are no fees associated with this competition.
3. **Registration must be received no later than December 6, 2026.**
4. Contest is for exterior decorations that can be viewed from the sidewalk ONLY.
5. **Entrants retain the copyright to their photographs. However, by submitting your photo, you hereby grant the Town of Parry Sound a worldwide, irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free, sublicenseable and transferable license to print, publish, use, reproduce, distribute, prepare derivative works of your submission, and display your full name and photograph in connection with your submission, in any media formats and through any media channels.**
6. The photos you submit will be the photos that the public votes on. Please ensure your photos are of good quality!
7. Contest entries agree to have their address published on a map of Christmas lights and holiday decorations. The map will only identify addresses (not names), and will be published through the Town of Parry Sound.
8. Judging categories are: Residential displays (homes, and houses serving the purpose of residence), and Business displays (businesses, buildings, spaces etc.). ALL entries must include an address. Town parks and parkettes are not eligible for competition.
9. Participation is limited to one submission per address.
10. **Judging will occur from December 8– December 17, 2026** via online voting by members of the public at www.parrysound.ca/wintermagic.
11. Only the top 5 decoration displays of each category will advance to the public voting stage of the contest.
12. Grand prizes for each category are as follows: Residential category winners will receive a gift certificate to their choice of home improvement store or garden centre in Parry Sound. Non-Residential category winners will receive a lunch or coffee break for them and their employees. All prizes will have a value corresponding with their ranking. Prize values are as follows: 1st place - $250, Honourable mention - $100.
13. Contact information is required on registration forms to contact winning entries. The Town of Parry Sound will not disclose this information to anyone.
14. ***Be creative, and have fun!***

***Accessible format available upon request**

The Sound of Winter Magic Registration Form

Registration Entry

Name (First and Last)/Business/Organization*: _____

Contest Category*: ☐ Residential (ex. Homes) ☐ Non-Residential (ex. Businesses)

Address*: _____

City*: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email*: _____ Phone*: _____

Please include a photograph of your display by attaching a digital photo when emailing this entry form. Photographs will be used to for online voting purposes.

Contest Rules and Legal Disclaimer

How to Enter/Eligibility: There is no purchase necessary to enter this contest. All buildings, homes, public spaces etc. must have a Town of Parry Sound address to be eligible for this competition and subsequent prizes. Entry forms can be emailed to the specified addresses or submitted online prior to contest closure.
Contest Deadlines: Contest registrations will be accepted until 11:59 PM. on December 6, 2026. This date represents contest closure and registrations will not be accepted past this date. Contest judging will occur between December 8–December 17 at 11:59pm online at www.parrysound.ca/wintermagic.
Winner Selection/Notification/Disqualification: Contest winners will be selected by public vote. Prize winners will be notified via email or phone within 2 days of contest judging. If no response is received within 7 days of notification, contest winners will forfeit their prize and the prize will be re-allocated the next most qualified competitor.
Privacy: The Town of Parry Sound will not sell your information to any third party. Contact information is required to communicate with prize winners.

☐ I have read and understand the above rules and contest criteria [t]

☐ I have read and understand the accompanying “Rules & Instructions” page [t]

[t] **Required fields**

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