

CHRISTMAS HOME DECORATING TOUR & CONTEST

Enter the 23rd Annual Christmas Home Decorating Tour and Contest, which is sponsored by Parks and Recreation, the News Tribune Co. and the Retail Merchants Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Contest is limited to residents within the city limits who have completed and turned in the entry form by the December 4 deadline.

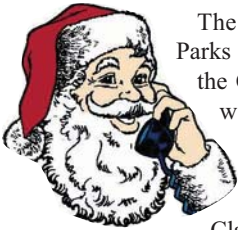
There are five categories of competition: City's Best (Previous Mayor's Award Winners); Christmas Elegance; Best Use of Lights; Best Religious Display; and Best Use of Christmas Characters. Christmas Elegance is meant to recognize those homes which decorate simply, tastefully, elegantly; homes that would look pretty on the front of a Christmas card.

In addition to our regular contest, you can be included on our non-competitive, City-wide Christmas Lights Tour. If you would like to have your home listed on the Tour, please fill out the entry form and check the box stating that you would like to be included in just the Tour.

Contest rules along with entry forms will be available several times in News Tribune publications or at Parks and Recreation starting in early November.



Calls From Santa



The Department of Parks and Recreation and the Capital City Jaycees want to give every child in Jefferson City a chance to talk with Santa Claus!!

By special arrangement we have set up a phone line for local children ages 3-7 to talk with Santa or Mrs. Claus. Parents can either send a postcard to Santa's Elves, c/o Parks and Recreation 427 Monroe St., Jefferson City, MO 65101 or send an email to capitalcityjaycees@mchsi.com. Please submit your information no later than December 4.

The postcard should include the following information:

- 1) child's name and age;
- 2) brother's and sister's name;
- 3) what the child wants for Christmas and whether or not he/she will get it;
- 4) anything the parent would like Santa to commend the child on or mention that he/she should do better;
- 5) telephone number (sorry, this line is set up for local calls only);
- 6) time of day or evening that the child can best be reached.



LIVING WINDOWS

Enjoy the charm of downtown Jefferson City during the holiday season. You will see holiday carolers, scenes alive with many cultural holiday traditions, dancers performing to the Nutcracker Suite, and much more!

Join the Downtown Jefferson City Association, all of the downtown stores and the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Living Windows Showcase to be held on Friday evening, December 4. The Department of Parks and Recreation will be offering free hayrides around the festival area.



MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



**Fourth Annual
Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting
Thursday, December 3, 6 p.m.
Rotary Centennial Park,
Bolivar Street**

Entertainment: 6-6:30 p.m.
Tree Lighting: 6:30 p.m.

Join us for entertainment, refreshments, and a visit from Santa Claus at the lighting of the Mayor's Christmas Tree.