

2020 GVS Holiday Lights Competition v4 11.19.2020

FAQs *frequently asked questions*

Competition entry, timeline, and awards

NO PURCHASE OR MEMBERSHIP IS NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. A PURCHASE OR MEMBERSHIP DOES NOT INCREASE THE CHANCES OF WINNING.

1. How do I enter the competition?

Enter the competition by uploading photos of your home or business through the Holiday Lights Competition app. Only homes and businesses located within German Village will be included and are eligible to win! Don't know the boundaries of the German Village Historical District, find a map of German Village and local shops and restaurants [here](#).

2. When will the winners be selected?

See Official Contest Rules

3. What criteria will judges be asked to consider when evaluating and selecting the winner?

Judges will be asked to select the home or business which captures Best Holiday Spirit. This includes use of traditional elements such as holiday greenery, lights, ornaments, statues, ribbons, and bows.

4. Who are the judges?

3 members of the German Village Garten Club will judge and select winners.

5. What are the awards and prizes?

1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded gift cards to the German Village Garten Club Spring Plant Sale. 1st place will receive a \$100 gift card, 2nd place will receive a \$50 gift card and 3rd place will receive a \$25 gift card.

6. When will winners be announced?

Winners will be announced on December 21st through the GVS website and winners will be notified.

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7. Who are the sponsors?

German Village Garten Club

8. Who is Chairing the Committee and how do I get involved?

GVS Holiday Lights Competition is one of several events which the GVS will host during the 2020 holiday season. Mike Cornelis is 2020's holiday events crew leader or, as he likes to call himself, Shiny the Top-Elf. Residents and GVS members Anthony Meyer and Tyler Mason are spearheading the 2020 Holiday Lighting Competition. Other key committee members include Jim Chakeres, President of the GV Garden Club and Sal Reedus GVS staff member and key point of contact for all social media efforts.

9. How can I get involved on committees for this and other events?

Learn more about the GVS German Village Society, how to join/renew membership, GVS membership benefits, volunteer opportunities or how to donate at www.germanvillage.com/get-involved/

10. Will there be a Village Lights event this year?

No, Village Lights has been cancelled this year. GVS encourages all to practice safe and healthy behaviors to fight the spread of COVID-19

Official Contest Rules

- 1. Eligibility:** This Campaign is open only to those who sign up at the <https://gvholidaylights2020.shortstack.page/MWVvjV> and who are 18 years or older as of the date of entry. The Campaign is only open to legal residents of German Village and is void where prohibited by law. Employees of German Village Society, its affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising and promotion agencies, and suppliers, (collectively the "Employees"), and immediate family members and/or those living in the same household of Employees are not eligible to participate in the Campaign. The Campaign is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Void where prohibited.
- 2. Agreement to Rules:** By participating, the Contestant ("You") agree to be fully unconditionally bound by these Rules, and You represent and warrant that You meet the eligibility requirements. In addition, You agree to accept the decisions of German Village Society as final and binding as it relates to the content of this Campaign.
- 3. Campaign Period:** Entries will be accepted online starting on November 23, 2020 at 10AM EDT and ending December 17, 2020 at 8PM EDT. All online entries must be received by December 17, 2020 at 8PM EDT.
- 4. How to Enter:** The Campaign must be entered by submitting an entry using the online form provided at <https://gvholidaylights2020.shortstack.page/MWVvjV>. The entry must fulfill all Campaign requirements, as specified, to be eligible to win a prize. Entries that are incomplete or do not adhere to the rules or specifications may be disqualified at the sole discretion of German Village Society. You must provide the information requested. You may not enter more times than indicated by using multiple email addresses, identities, or devices in an attempt to circumvent the rules. If You use fraudulent methods or otherwise attempt to circumvent the rules, your submission may be removed from eligibility at the sole discretion of German Village Society.
- 5. Prizes:** The Winner(s) of the Campaign (the "Winner") will receive 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded gift cards to the German Village Garten Club Spring Plant Sale. 1st place will receive a \$100 gift card, 2nd place will receive a \$50 gift card and 3rd place will receive a \$25 gift card. Actual/appraised value may differ at time of prize award. The specifics of the prize shall be solely determined by German Village Society. No cash or other prize substitution shall be permitted except at German Village Society discretion. The prize is nontransferable. Any and all prize-related expenses, including without limitation any and all federal, state, and/or local taxes, shall be the sole responsibility of Winner. No substitution of prize or transfer/assignment of prize to others or request for the cash equivalent by Winner is permitted. Acceptance of prize constitutes permission for German Village Society to use Winner's name, likeness, and entry for purposes of advertising and trade without further compensation unless prohibited by law.
- 6. Odds:** The odds of winning depend on the number of eligible entries received and the opinion of the selected judges.
- 7. Winner Selection and Notification:** Winner will be selected by a panel of judges under the supervision of German Village Society. Winner will be notified by email within five (5) days following selection of Winner. German Village Society shall have no liability for Winner's failure to receive notices due to spam, junk e-mail, or other security settings or for Winner's provision of incorrect or otherwise non-functioning contact information. If Winner cannot be contacted, is ineligible, fails to claim the prize within 5 days from the time award notification was sent, or fails to timely return a completed and executed declaration and release as required, the prize may be forfeited and an alternate Winner selected. Receipt by Winner of the prize offered in this Campaign is conditioned upon compliance with any and all federal, state, and local laws and regulations. **ANY VIOLATION OF THESE OFFICIAL RULES BY WINNER (AT GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY'S SOLE DISCRETION) WILL RESULT IN WINNER'S DISQUALIFICATION AS WINNER OF THE CAMPAIGN, AND ALL PRIVILEGES AS WINNER WILL BE IMMEDIATELY TERMINATED.**
- 8. Rights Granted by You:** By entering this content (e.g., photo, video, text, etc.), You understand and agree that German Village Society, anyone acting on behalf of German Village Society, and German Village Society's licensees, successors, and assigns, shall have the right, where permitted by law, to print, publish, broadcast, distribute, and use in any media

now known or hereafter developed, in perpetuity and throughout the World, without limitation, your entry, name, portrait, picture, voice, likeness, image, statements about the Campaign, and biographical information for news, publicity, information, trade, advertising, public relations, and promotional purposes. without any further compensation, notice, review, or consent. By entering this content, You represent and warrant that your entry is an original work of authorship, and does not violate any third party's proprietary or intellectual property rights. If your entry infringes upon the intellectual property right of another, You will be disqualified at the sole discretion of German Village Society. If the content of your entry is claimed to constitute infringement of any proprietary or intellectual proprietary rights of any third party, You shall, at your sole expense, defend or settle against such claims. You shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless German Village Society from and against any suit, proceeding, claims, liability, loss, damage, costs or expense, which German Village Society may incur, suffer, or be required to pay arising out of such infringement or suspected infringement of any third party's right.

9. Terms & Conditions: German Village Society reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Campaign should virus, bug, non-authorized human intervention, fraud, or other cause beyond German Village Society's control corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, or proper conduct of the Campaign. In such case, German Village Society may select the Winner from all eligible entries received prior to and/or after (if appropriate) the action taken by German Village Society. German Village Society reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual who tampers or attempts to tamper with the entry process or the operation of the Campaign or website or violates these Terms & Conditions. German Village Society has the right, in its sole discretion, to maintain the integrity of the Campaign, to void votes for any reason, including, but not limited to: multiple entries from the same user from different IP addresses; multiple entries from the same computer in excess of that allowed by Campaign rules; or the use of bots, macros, scripts, or other technical means for entering. Any attempt by an entrant to deliberately damage any website or undermine the legitimate operation of the Campaign may be a violation of criminal and civil laws. Should such an attempt be made, German Village Society reserves the right to seek damages to the fullest extent permitted by law.

10. Limitation of Liability: By entering, You agree to release and hold harmless German Village Society and its subsidiaries, affiliates, advertising and promotion agencies, partners, representatives, agents, successors, assigns, employees, officers, and directors from any liability, illness, injury, death, loss, litigation, claim, or damage that may occur, directly or indirectly, whether caused by negligence or not, from: (i) such entrant's participation in the Campaign and/or his/her acceptance, possession, use, or misuse of any prize or any portion thereof; (ii) technical failures of any kind, including but not limited to the malfunction of any computer, cable, network, hardware, or software, or other mechanical equipment; (iii) the unavailability or inaccessibility of any transmissions, telephone, or Internet service; (iv) unauthorized human intervention in any part of the entry process or the Promotion; (v) electronic or human error in the administration of the Promotion or the processing of entries.

11. Disputes: THIS Campaign IS GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE STATE OF OHIO, WITHOUT RESPECT TO CONFLICT OF LAW DOCTRINES. As a condition of participating in this Campaign, participant agrees that any and all disputes that cannot be resolved between the parties, and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Campaign, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, exclusively before a court located in Ohio having jurisdiction. Further, in any such dispute, under no circumstances shall participant be permitted to obtain awards for, and hereby waives all rights to, punitive, incidental, or consequential damages, including reasonable attorney's fees, other than participant's actual out-of-pocket expenses (i.e. costs associated with entering this Campaign). Participant further waives all rights to have damages multiplied or increased.

12. Privacy Policy: Information submitted with an entry is subject to the Privacy Policy stated on the German Village Society website. To read the Privacy Policy, [privacy policy URL] click here. Note: a privacy policy is optional, but may be required when running a promotion on the web when using third party platforms or when using features from social channels. Including this information makes it clear to your users how you are going to use their information.

13. **Winners List:** To obtain a copy of the Winner's name or a copy of these Official Rules, mail your request along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: German Village Society 588 S 3rd ST Columbus, OH 43206. Requests must be received no later than January 17, 2021.
14. **Sponsor:** The Sponsor of the Campaign is German Village Society 588 S 3rd ST Columbus, OH 43206.
15. **Facebook:** If you use Facebook to communicate or administer a contest or sweepstakes, include the following: The Campaign hosted by German Village Society is in no way sponsored, endorsed, administered by, or associated with Facebook.
16. By checking box I agree to the Official Rules, You, the Contestant, have affirmatively reviewed, accepted, and agreed to all of the Official Rules.