



## **SOUTH SEMINOLE HEIGHTS ANNUAL HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST**

Guidelines (November 2015)

The Holiday Decorations Contest has been implemented by the South Seminole Heights Civic Association (SSHCA) to recognize and show appreciation to South Seminole Heights (SSH) residents for an outstanding job of decorating their homes during the holidays for everyone to enjoy. It is also a festive way to demonstrate community pride and facilitate neighborhood relationships.

### **Who and how can a resident be nominated:**

Any resident of SSH is eligible for the Holiday Decorating Contest. The SSHCA will solicit committee members to judge the contest. Each Committee Member will vote on up to 10 homes. The home receiving the most total points will be the winner. Each resident can only win for the contest once every two years. Current Holiday Decorating Contest Committee Members are not eligible to win this award.

### **Notification of the Holiday Decorating Contest:**

Notification will be placed on the SSH website and social media outlets when voting will take place for the Holiday Decorating Contest and when a winner is selected. Social media will remind those participating that their lights and displays must be on from dusk until 10 pm. In addition, the same notification will be on our website at [www.sshca.org](http://www.sshca.org).

### **Judging:**

The Holiday Decorations Committee Members will vote at the following times:

- The Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday closest to December 15. The exact date(s) will be posted on the website and social media. The winner will be announced on the Monday following the voting.

### **What Is the Judging Criteria for HDC?**

35 Points:	CURB APPEAL: How does it look overall? Does it make you say "WOW"?
20 Points:	THEME: Does it have singular theme: winter, religious, secular?
20 Points:	UNIFORMITY OF COLOR: Use of color appears planned rather than looking as if whatever lights were in the attic were just pulled out and used.
15 Points:	NEATNESS and ALIGNMENT: Lights strung appear straight along the edges of eaves, roof peaks, sidewalks, etc.
10 points:	ORGANIZATION OF LAWN ORNAMENTS

### **What do I get if I win?**

The winning homes (based on the highest total points from the committee) will receive a gift package consisting of donations from local businesses, one year of annual membership to the SSHCA, and a sign to display in the yard (if available). In addition to the contest winner, one to three homes will receive honorable mentions (at the discretion of the Committee) and will receive a gift package from local business as well and if available. Pictures of all winning homes will be posted on our social media outlets. Winner announcement will take place at the Annual Holiday Concert in Rivercrest Park.

