

# 2024 Lights in the Park

The 2024 season of “Lights in the Park” is fast approaching and we hope you will participate again this year. Each year gets BIGGER AND BETTER, and the upcoming season promises to be no different!



## WHAT’S NEW, YOU ASK? AWARDS and RECOGNITION!

This year a panel of independent judges, as well as the general public, will be asked to vote on several categories from among all display participants. The winners will be recognized in a variety of ways, which means it is more important than ever for your organization to be a part of this great event. (See page 2 for additional details)

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Display Setup Period Dates: Friday, November 15, — Friday, November 29, 2024**

**Official Lighting Dates: Friday, November 29, - Tuesday, December 31, 2024**

**Requested Removal Date Deadline: Wednesday, January 8, 2025**

## **MUST READ -- UPDATED GUIDELINES ON DISPLAYS:**

- *Participation is free; no costs or fees apply.*
- *Participants will be notified of their assigned locations the first week of November.*
- *Your display must be lighted using “Outdoor Lights” ONLY, as they are more resistant to wet and freezing conditions.*
- *You must set up your own display, and FIRMLY secure all parts to the ground.*
- *You must provide your own extension cord—one plug per display. (Our Maintenance staff turns all displays on/off each night.)*
- *Your display must include decorations depicting a holiday scene or theme. All displays must have more components than just a sign/banner and a figure or inflatable.*
- *The displays are exposed to extreme weather conditions therefore, you must make sure yours is constructed from weather resistant materials.*
- *Wrap your extension cord receptacle in water resistant plastic to prevent shorts. (Ex. Layer a few Walmart bags inside each other and cut a small opening on the bottom end. Thread your extension cord though the top and bottom openings, cover the receptacle and tightly secure both ends with knots or zip ties.)*

**SPECIAL NOTICE: THE CITY OF PELL CITY AND THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOSS OF PROPERTY OR DAMAGE TO ANY DISPLAYS WHILE ON CITY PROPERTY. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REQUEST THE REMOVAL OF ANY DISPLAY THAT DETERIORATES TO AN UNACCEPTABLE LEVEL.**

Please direct any questions to Valerie Painter by email, [vpainter@cityofpellcity.net](mailto:vpainter@cityofpellcity.net). or call 205-338-3818, ext. 1.

## AWARDS and SPECIAL RECOGNITION!

There is nothing like a little friendly competition to spice things up! And, what better way to ensure that each participant is putting their best efforts into showcasing their organization.

We have secured an independent panel of judges who will tour the event and vote for “**BEST OVERALL - JUDGE’S CHOICE**”. There will be nine additional categories for the general public to vote on. Voting will be done by scanning a QR code and selecting one choice from the categories listed below:

- ❖ *Silent Night Award – Simple and clean display*
- ❖ *White Christmas Award – Best use of white lights*
- ❖ *Deck the Halls Award – Most over-the-top use of lighting*
- ❖ *Christmas is in the Air Award – Best use of inflatables*
- ❖ *The Reason for the Season Award – Best Nativity display*
- ❖ *Holly Jolly Christmas Award - Best display that makes you laugh*
- ❖ *Rock Around the Christmas Tree Award – Best use of animation*
- ❖ *The Rudolph Award – Best use of holiday characters*
- ❖ *Christmas Story Award – Best youth inspired display*

**Voting will begin the first lighting day of our event, Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> and end at 9pm Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.** Signs with a QR code will be distributed throughout the park. Visitors will use their mobile phone cameras to scan the code, which takes them directly to our poll. Winners in each category receive:

- Award signs placed next to each winning display, which will remain onsite throughout the duration of the event.
- Winners will be recognized on the “The City of Pell City” Facebook page, as well as the “Pell City Civic Center/Lakeside Park/SplashPad/Pickleball Courts” Facebook page.
- All winners will be recognized in January’s digital editions of *Discover* and *LakeLife24/7* magazines AND, also featured in print in the February 2025 issue of *LakeLife 24/7*.

### **PLEASE PRINT – PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and agree to follow all guidelines in place: No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Please Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of display: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Indicate your desired locations from the map provided: 1st choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd choice \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Location requests are not guaranteed. We obtain the right to place displays at our discretion in order to enhance the event.*