



Mission Viejo

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

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2024 Mission Viejo Holiday Home Lighting Contest Presented by MVAC

Awards will be given to winners in the following categories:

- 1- Most Creative Use of Lighting award
- 2- Most Creative Theme award
- 3- New Kids on the Block award
- 4- Most Traditional/Festive award
- 5- Religious Theme award
- 6- Showstopper award
- 7- Light up the neighborhood award
- 8 Hall of Fame Award. (see #9 below)

CONTEST RULES

1. Participation is open to all residents of Mission Viejo. *Gated communities see #10 below*
2. Entry is free; no cost or fees to enter.
3. Contest is for exterior decorations only, including decorations in windows and side yards that are visible from the exterior street view.
4. Judging will be based on “curb appeal” as viewed from the street. **No** homeowner interaction with Judges.
5. Judging criteria will include the following: [a] Unique design and cohesive use of lights and decorations; [b] Storyline or cohesive theme; [c] Organization of Display and placement of decorations, lights, animated objects, music, lighting technology etc.; and Overall presentation.
6. Judging schedule for 2024
Entry deadline: Friday 5 PM Dec.6th. Preliminary Judging Saturday, Dec. 7th and/or Monday Dec. 9th. Final Judging: Wednesday, Dec. 11th. Winners awarded by Friday, Dec. 13th.
7. Participants should ensure that all lights, animations, and decorations are in place and activated for the judging dates. Extreme weather conditions will be considered if presented.
8. Final Judges will select a 1st and 2nd place winner in each category. Each first-place winner will receive a Yard sign, bragging rights, a certificate, an 8x10 color photo, a Gift Basket containing items from contest sponsors, and name recognition on the MVAC holiday light contest website and MV City media coverage. 2nd place winners will be announced with the 1st place winners.
9. Rules for Hall of Fame. If a home wins first place for 3 consecutive years in the same category with the same theme and decor, they are eligible for the Holiday Home Lighting Hall of Fame Award and will no longer be eligible to win 1st place in their category. The homes below will be awarded with a special distinction for their years of participation and will receive a yard sign to be displayed through December.
The homes with special distinction as of 2023 are: 15166 Buscador--Showstopper and 23912 Bough--Most Creative Theme. 2024: TBA
10. Gated Communities and Blowups disqualifications. Due to HOA rules, gate codes cannot be published for home viewing. Therefore, homes within gated communities are not eligible for this contest. Blowups: Homes using an excessive amount of blowups are disqualified to enter this Home Lighting Contest. The intent for this contest is not who has the most blowups or how much time and money was spent on a display but is based on judging criteria. (See #5)
11. Photo consent, by entering this contest you are consenting to the use of a home photo and address of property to be used by MVAC and The City of MV.
12. Judges reserve the right to change categories on submitted forms.