



## Luminaria 2020 FAQ's

Q: What are luminarias and why do it?

A: Luminaries (farolitos) means light. The history of luminaries is linked to ancient traditions of communicating, warning and **celebrating** through linked bonfires. Today, they are best known as small paper lanterns (with a candle set in sand inside a paper bag) and lit. To some, it has religious meaning. But for our diverse community, we like to think of it as more of a showing of unification and the sharing of hope, peace and light for the coming year.

### Ordering Information

Q: What is included in a kit?

A: A kit consists of 6 plumber candles (will burn for ~ 10 hours), 6 paper bags, measured sand to fill bags and a How-to Setup/Take Down flyer. Residents are asked to purchase a minimum of two kits.

Q: What is a Gift Wrapped Bundle?

A: They are decorative wrapped bundles of 6 candles/bags (no sand) that can be given as hostess, teacher or friends family gifts. They are being offered at \$15/ bundle or 3 for \$40. Here is a sample of what it might look like.

Q: When is the deadline to order luminarias?

A: November 6<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to get your order and payment in to ensure your luminarias will be available in time.

Q: Oh No, I forgot to get my order form in on time and want to participate?

A: Contact us to determine if there are additional luminaria kits available for purchase. (There may not be sand available.)

Q: I don't live in GH; can I still order luminaria?

A: We welcome all orders.

Q: When and where do I pick up my order?

A: This year because of Covid-19, the Luminaria team will deliver your order. Assembly Day is set for the weekend of November 21-22<sup>nd</sup>. You will receive a text message when your order is ready for delivery. If you are not able to pick up by the designated time, a Luminaria Team member will coordinate delivery.

## Setup and Take Down

Q: Where should I place luminaria and how far should we space them?

A: Luminaries should be placed on the edge of your property along the street or on sidewalks. Spacing recommendations are 5 feet or 5-10 feet apart for corner lots (excluding driveways). Residents can make their lots more festive by adding additional luminarias along the driveway and pathway to the home.

Q: How do I prepare the luminaria?

A: Detail instructions will be provided as part of your kit. But here are some simple steps to consider:

Prior to going outside, prepare your bags by:

- a) Fold the top of the bag neatly down twice to create a 1-inch collar. This will create stability for the bag when fully opened. Hint: Create a crease by folding before opening and creating collar. It's much easier and minimizes tears.
- b) Place approximately 2 cups of sand in bottom of bag. At least 2 inches of sand should be in the bottom of the bag to create stability for the candle. Please use your judgement.
- c) Take bags outside and place along edge of property
- d) Raise wick of candle and insert candle firmly in center of bag.
- e) At dusk, light using a long-handled lighter (also called a gooseneck lighter).

Q: What if I need sand?

A: Kits ordered before the November 6<sup>th</sup> deadline will have premeasured sand in the kits. If you got your kits late, or do not want to use the sand, alternatives include birdseed, rock salt and/or rice. Some kitty litter is flammable, so we recommend you not use kitty litter. Sand can be picked up, while supplies last, at Clarendon Hills Pool located at 100 Byrd Ct.

Q: What time do we light candles?

A: If weather is favorable (see Contingency below) light your candles at dusk or approximately 5:30 pm.

Q: When do I extinguish candles?

A: Candles will burn for ~10 hours and melt into the sand. It is your decision if you want to extinguish them earlier.

Q: How should Luminaria Bags be disposed of the following day?

A: We ask residents to dispose the bags and leftover candles in the trash. Sand can be spread in the garden or grass. **Do Not Dispose of Sand** in the street gutters as it will run into the lake. We want to keep our lake healthy.

## **Contingency Plans**

Q: What if the weather is forecasted to be bad on December 24<sup>th</sup>?

A: Watch for emails or text messages during the day. If the weather is inclement, we will use our alternate date of January 1<sup>st</sup> and light up our community welcoming the new year.

## **Miscellaneous Questions**

Q: What do I do with leftover luminaria?

A: There are several options:

- a) Display extra luminaria along your driveway or path to your home.
- b) Donate extras to the Luminaria team to make Welcome Gifts for new homeowners.
- c) Save for next year

Q: What Charity will receive the proceeds from the fundraiser?

A: Golfview Hills Women's Club has selected Bridge Communities as this year's designated charitable organization. Bridge Communities' mission is to transition homeless families to self-sufficiency by working with partners to provide mentoring, housing, and supportive services. Visit their website, [www.bridgecommunities.org](http://www.bridgecommunities.org) to learn more.

Q: I am disabled and want to participate, what do I do?

A: Our Luminaria Team will help find someone to deliver, setup and take down your luminaria. Contact Mary Jaworski at 630-730-6419 for details.