

Greetings To All Bay Street Tree Decorators/Sponsors!

Words cannot express how grateful we are for your help to decorate Port Orchard this holiday season, (especially given the City was not able to hang the traditional garlands due to infrastructure problems). What was meant as a temporary solution has, perhaps, birthed a new tradition for years to come. The gorgeous decorated trees make Port Orchard glow! I cannot tell you how many people have commented about how beautiful our downtown looks and, would we please repeat the event again next year?

The Festival of Chimes & Lights committee met and agreed that we should repeat this aspect of our festival. Though we don't have all the details, we do know this much. We will arrange to have fresh trees placed in all the planters, allowing individuals, businesses and organizations to adopt a tree, for a modest fee to cover costs, mid November 2019 (date to be announced). As before, the tree may be decorated and will be judged the day before Thanksgiving by a panel yet to be selected.

Beginning September 10, 2019, once the fee has been paid, a specific planter may be reserved. All information will be posted on the City's website, on the City's social media sites and through regular email announcements. There are 59 planters, but the City will determine how many are useable after the summer flowers have been removed. Should any of you who participated this year care to reserve a planter ahead of time, you may do so. Though we cannot promise the exact location until September 10th, you may state your preference when you contact the City.

We thank Santa and Mrs. Claus, who judged the trees on the rainy night before Thanksgiving. Below you will see them hard at work. The contest results are:

Most Traditional: #47 Artisan Cottage Most Sensational: #17 Mrs. Howe's Bed & Breakfast Best Northwest Regional Flavor: #3 WA Veterans Home –Retsil Honorable Mention: #58 Kitsap Bank POBSA's Peoples' Choice: #36 Salone Pettirosso

Please remember to remove the lights and decorations by January 2, 2019.

Scroll down to view the winners...

Special thanks to the members of the PO City Council for donating funds for the prizes! Happy New Year and thank you all for your efforts to make this city amazing!

Cindy Lucarelli, C&L Chair & The Festival of Chimes & Lights Committee

Santa and Mrs. Claus judging the Port Orchard Bay Street decorated trees:



The Winners of the P. O. Bay Street Decorated Tree Contest:

Most Traditional: #47 Artisan Cottage



Most Sensational: #17 Mrs. Howe's Bed & Breakfast





Best Northwest Regional Flavor: **#3 WA Veterans Home – Retsil**



