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## Holiday Decorations



Since 2003, the CDD Boards have authorized funds to decorate Seven Oaks for the holiday season during November/December. From 2003 to 2009, the CDD Boards rented the holiday lights from a vendor as well as have them install their lights. In 2009, the resident-controlled board decided to purchase some lights and store them each year to reduce the cost. Each year, the CDD Board has provided funding to increase the decorations at Seven Oaks. The CDD owns the clubhouse lights/ decorations, the garland that is located on all the arched signs, and the 6 large wreaths located at Mystic Oaks Blvd, Summergate Blvd, and Eagleston Blvd entrances.

For 2013, Seven Oaks had the best decorations since 2003. Events Done Bright, who the CDD Board used last year, does the holiday lighting for 13 communities in the Tampa area. They installed over 175,000 lights at the clock tower and Ancient Oaks Blvd, Mystic Oaks Blvd, Summergate Blvd, and Eagleston Blvd entrances to Seven Oaks. Events Done Bright owns all the decorations except for the ones mentioned in the previous paragraph.



S.R. 56 / Ancient Oaks Blvd Entrance to Seven Oaks

Since the clubhouse staff did such a great job of decorating the clubhouse last year, Theresa Flores, clubhouse manager, decided that they would do it again this year. She purchased additional LED lights, wreaths, bows, and other items to make it even better than last year. As you can see from the pictures on page 5, the clubhouse looked great this year thanks to the hard work of the entire clubhouse staff. Each of them not only contributed by installing the decorations but also by making suggestions that gave it their personal touch. They decorated it as if they were decorating their home, and it showed.

Theresa did another great job of managing the \$13,000 budget for holiday decorations to not only stay under budget but to provide the residents with a community that they can be proud to call their home. Here's a summary of the amount spent for the 2013 holiday decorations:

**\$10,000.00:** Installation/removal of holiday lights at all the entrances and clock tower

**\$419.52:** Additional LED lights for the clubhouse

**\$550.00:** Six large wreaths for Mystic Oaks, Summergate, and Eagleston entrances

**\$1,013.10:** Poinsettias (78) for clubhouse, entrances to Seven Oaks, clock tower, and northern roundabout

**\$325.00:** Install red and green colored lens for cascade water fountain in the pond at Ancient Oaks Blvd entrance

**\$262.30:** Adhesives and clips to hang the garland and purchase additional bows, ribbons, and candles



Vaughn Sloan, Events Done Bright employee, adds lights to trees around the clock tower.



Bryan Cooper, Staff Supervisor, and Theresa Flores, Clubhouse Manager, add lights to the shrubs along the entrance to the clubhouse.



Entrance to the Clubhouse at Seven Oaks



### Decorations Inside Seven Oaks Clubhouse



Melanie Appel adds the finishing touches on the decorations for the mantel in the cafe



Sarah Horn (left) and Brittany Velez (right) add lights to the Christmas tree in the cafe



Carol Hardie (left) and Sheila Valdez (right) help decorate the gathering room



Larry Way adds garland on the mantel above the fireplace in the gathering room



Denise Algarin adds the angel to the top of the Christmas tree in the clubhouse foyer as Daniela Orellana adds decorations