

McKinley Park Civic Association Holiday Decorating Contest Rules & Instructions

The McKinley Park Civic Association's 1st Annual Holiday Decorating Contest will take place the following dates:

Application Submittal Period Runs from 11/28/2025 through 12/18/2025
Judging will take place on Saturday 12/20/2025 between 5:00pm -8:00pm
Winners will be announced to applicants 12/24/2025
Prizes will be awarded at the January 7th Regular MPCA Meeting at 6:00pm

Please read the following rules and instructions in their entirety. Direct any questions you may have to the McKinley Park Civic Association at mckinleyparkcivicassociation68@gmail.com. Entry applications can be obtained from the front desk of the McKinley Park Library, the 12th Ward or by requesting one by emailing mckinleyparkcivicassociation68@gmail.com.

1. Participation is open to all Residents and Businesses within the McKinley Park Area. The McKinley Park area is defined by the River to the East, Western Ave to the West, Stevenson Expressway to the North and 43rd street to the South.
2. Entry to the contest is free- there are no costs or fees imposed or applied.
3. Completed Applications must be emailed to mckinleyparkcivicassociation68@gmail.com no later than 5:00pm on December 18th.
4. Contest is for exterior decorations only. This includes window decorations that can be viewed from the exterior. Judging will be done from the exterior only.
5. Judging will be based on "Curb Appeal" meaning only decorations visible to the street will be judged. Corner homes will be judged from both sides of the street.
6. Winning Participants agree to have one or more photos of their decorated residence posted on the Association's Website and/or posted in various Neighborhood Publications and Social Media Platforms. Cross streets of the winning decorations will be included in publications. Participants agree there will be no compensation of any kind for said postings or publications.
7. Judging will be conducted by various members of the Board of Directors of the McKinley Park Civic Association. This may include the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Social Media Coordinator. Scores will range from 0-25 possible points; the winners will be determined through the highest overall average number of points.
8. Judging will take place on Saturday December 20, 2025 from 5:00pm until 8:00pm. Please ensure all decorations are illuminated during these hours.

9. Three prizes will be awarded: One First Place prize of \$100.00; One Second Place prize of \$75.00 and One Third Place prize of \$50.00. Winners will also receive a signed certificate from the Association. Prizes will be awarded at the January 7th general meeting of the association which takes place inside the Auditorium at the McKinley Park Branch Library located at 1915 W. 35th Street at 6:00pm.
10. As with all contests, be creative and have fun.

Christmas Decorating Contest Entry Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS OF HOUSE TO BE
JUDGED: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Please email this form in no later than 5:00pm on December 18, 2025 to the association
at : mckinleyparkcivicasociation68@gmail.com

All lights must be turned on by 5:00pm on December 20, 2025

Judging Will Take Place on December 20, 2025 between 5:00pm and 8:00pm

Winners will be announced via email to the participating applicants on December 24th.

Prizes and Certificates will be awarded at the next General Meeting of the McKinley Park
Civic Association on Wednesday January 7, 2026 at 6:00pm at the Mckinley Park Library

Please Refer to the Holiday Decorating Contest Rules and Instructions for a complete list
of guidelines