



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT *PRESS RELEASE*

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CITY OF GROVER BEACH ANNOUNCES ANNUAL HOLIDAY OF LIGHTS DECORATING CONTEST

Date: n/a
Time: n/a
Location: Grover Beach

Grover Beach - - The Grover Beach Parks and Recreation Department is seeking nominations for the 2009 Holiday of Lights Decorating Contest.

The Holiday of Lights Decorating Contest is a chance for Grover Beach residents and businesses to show off their outdoor decorating skills for the holidays. If you are planning a beautiful, unique, or just plain fun, decorating scheme for your house, show it off by entering the contest. Your creation could be recognized with the Mayor's Award or any of the other six honors to be awarded and included in a special map for the community to take their own self-guided tour.

The Parks, Recreation and Beautification Commission will be canvassing Grover Beach neighborhoods on **Saturday, December 12th and Sunday, December 13th** after 5:30 p.m., to select and nominate properties for the final judging. Interested business owners and residents should have their displays lighted from **5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** on those days, and again on **Wednesday, December 16th** for final judging of their nominated property.

To see if your home or business has been nominated, or to **self-nominate**, call the Grover Beach Parks and Recreation Department at 473-4580 by 5:00 p.m. by Monday, December 14th. Awards will be announced on Friday, December 18th, and winners will be invited to attend the City Council Meeting on Monday, January 4, 2010 to receive their award.

Honors will be awarded for the following seven categories:

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| 1. Mayor's Award | Best overall in originality |
| 2. City Council Award | Best original use of animation and/or craftsmanship |
| 3. Commissioner's Award | Best use of lights |
| 4. Business Award | Best overall business display |
| 5. Window Painting Award | Best commercial window |
| 6. Simple Elegance Award | Best small display |
| 7. Religious Award | Best religious display |

For more information or to volunteer for activities and events with the Grover Beach Parks and Recreation Department, stop by 154 S. 8th Street in Grover Beach, or call 473-4580.

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