



Christmas in the Park

DECEMBER 2, 2023

It's always time to think about Christmas!

Over 10 years ago, Christmas in the Park moved from Williams Park to Columbia Woods in an effort to create Norton's own Tree Festival! We continue to grow each year and we are excited to keep it growing!

Won't you help us?

We are looking for Norton businesses, organizations, families, churches or anyone who just loves Christmas to come and decorate a tree in Columbia Woods Park for Christmas in the Park 2023!

If you can't do a tree, a display would be great...wooden cut outs...lighted displays...blowup decorations...the list is endless! What about decorating a "front" door? What about an RV decorated for the event? Would you want to sponsor an event like our Ice Carvers? We welcome your creativity as we continue to...

Light the Park!

Thank you for considering your part in the festivities!!!

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Norton Women's Club**



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Helpful Tips for your Tree/Display in the Park

Thank you so much for taking part in Christmas in the Park! Keep in mind when you are decorating your tree that it will be outside for approximately one month in possible high winds and harsh weather!! It has been the experience that a live CUT tree works best. Artificial trees (usually meant for indoor display) when displayed in unpredictable outside weather, can have a tendency to snap, twist, or break in high winds. On live cut trees, the key to success is a sturdy, wider than the base of the tree wooden X base (painted green if possible) that one can screw braces from the base (pictures below)



It is also advisable to attach guide wires to the middle of the tree, which would be staked into the ground. An easy way to put your tree together is to decorate it inside (where it's warm!) and then haul your completed tree to the Park and secure it in your spot along the roadway leading to the Gazebo in Columbia Woods Park. Using this method, when it's time to remove your tree, it's easy to pick it up and haul it away! Remember to secure your decorations TIGHTLY to your tree so they are not removed by the wind!



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More Helpful Tips for your Tree/Display in the Park

One of Norton's holiday pleasures comes from touring the Park at night but the park is also busy with visitors during the day. It really is amazing how many cars we see in the park during the month of December. Here are some hints as you decorate.

To have your tree lit, it is suggested that you decorate with "outdoor" approved light strands, and you **MUST** provide an approved extension cord (**10 to 50 ft cord length**, depending on your tree location) to be able to reach the electrical boxes located in the Park. **Green cords would be appreciated.** It is also advisable to use electrical tape and *tape up all power cord connections* so that water does not easily enter the connectors. **Once your tree is decorated and your lights are checked, please unplug your tree at the electrical box.** We will plug them in when we do our test run before the tree lighting.

When putting ornaments on the tree, it is highly recommended that you wire them securely in place. The park is a bit of a wind tunnel from time to time.

Decorations that are not part of your tree (painted wood cut-outs, sturdy stand-alone light decorations, etc) are encouraged, but also must be securely anchored. Please list **ALL** display items on your form so we can be sure there is enough space between displays.

Each tree display will be provided a vinyl sign that will identify your business, organization or family dedication that the tree display is representing. If you choose to have your display sign visible at night, you must also supply your own spotlight for each site. If possible, **cover your tree base with a weather proof tree skirt** to add to the beauty of your display. Plastic tablecloths work perfectly for this...you can purchase them for a \$1.00 at Dollar General. Landscaping stakes work well for securing the tablecloth. If you would like to donate towards the cost of your sign, the signs typically cost less than \$10.00 when printed at the Akron Library's Tech Zone. Donations can be sent to Norton Women's Club PO Box 1101 Norton, OH 44203.

When you go down to the park to decorate, you will find your sign marking the space you will be using. Please do **NOT** move your sign as we are trying to alternate displays (inflatables, trees, stand alone decorations, etc.) so we aren't clumping like displays together.

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Signage for new displays must be printed so we need to know as soon as possible if you wish to participate in Christmas in the Park, 2023!!

Displays must be in place by Thursday, November 30 so we can do a test lighting on Friday afternoon before the event on Saturday!

Important Dates to Note

Locations Assigned November 24, 2023

Signs will be up by Saturday, November 25, 2023

Please don't assume you will have the same location!

If you need to decorate sooner, call Vicky.

Decorate Trees November 26 ~ November 30, 2023

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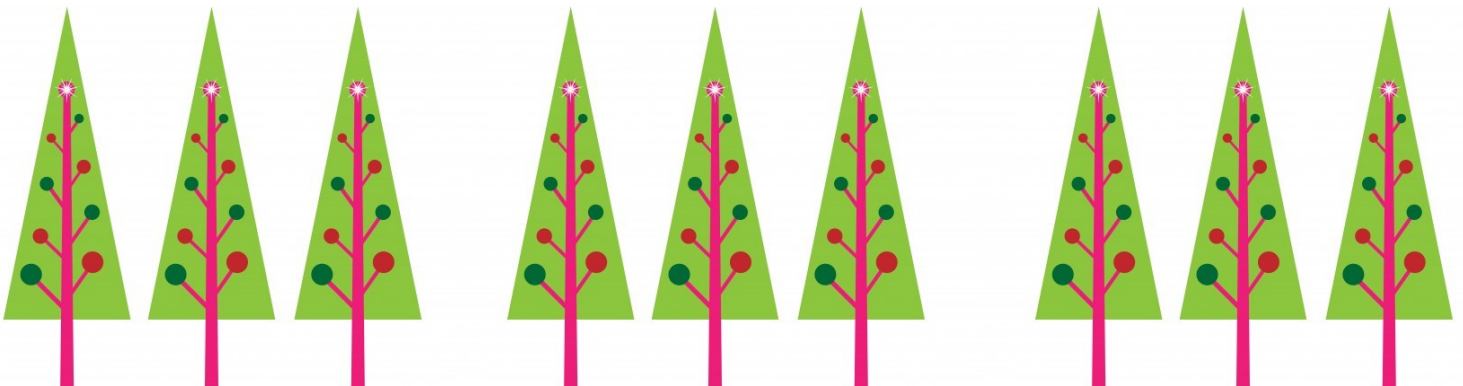
Tree Removal January 2 - 6, 2024

We want the trees up for the weekend of New Year's!

Please leave your signs.

We will pick them up and store them for next year! .

The City of Norton is not responsible for lost or stolen items.



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Name of Organization _____

Contact Person _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Special Wording on Vinyl Sign (New Displays Only)

We **MUST** have your signage information by November 20.

Please describe your display. (List all stand alone decorations. Please include the height of any trees that will be decorated so we can place them accordingly so we don't block other displays)
Please be detailed...we had some displays that were wider than we thought they were going to be and we were a little squished in places.

Please email this application to NortonChristmasinthePark@gmail.com
Or mail to: Norton Women's Club, PO Box 1101, Norton, OH 44203
RETURNING PARTICIPANTS CAN JUST EMAIL US OF YOUR RETURN!!!

