

Friends of Joppa Community

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CHRISTMAS DECORATING WISH LIST



- **6 T Posts for Christmas Trees**
- **Wire and or Zip Ties to fasten trees to T posts**
- **6 pre-lighted (or not) Christmas trees range 3 ft to 8 ft – ornaments must be fastened to withstand high winds, weather.**
 - Toni has an 8 ft. tree and can pick up more (Walmart) as needed
- **Ladders**
- **Wreaths (artificial) w big bows. Wire fastened to Swanson Fence to withstand wind**
 - has wreath making materials
- **Zip-ties**
- **Wire**
- **Wire cutters**
- **Gadget to play Christmas music in the background when were gathered on site.**
- **Outdoor Power Strips**
- **Outdoor Extension cords**
- **Supplies to weather proof Power Strips**
- **Heavy duty cable**
- **Rebar stakes for nativity**
- **3 or 4 Folding Tables for the Cocoa & cookies evening**
- **Red and/or Red & Green Table clothes for 2 or 3 folding tables**
- **North Pole Mail Box – Mimi & Jeremy making**
- **Square hay bales**
- **For Hayride**
 - Flatbed trailer pulled behind a tractor (if no fumes) or truck
 - Music player or blu ray speaker to play Christmas Carols
 - Blankets
- **Nativity: Solar or DC lights to up light Nativity and extension cord**
- **Rebar to stake nativity figures**

Volunteers Needed to

Figure out best way to play Christmas Music on the Hayride

Make Hot Cocoa, Hot Cider, Christmas Cookies

Table #1: Hot Cocoa & Hot Apple Cider, Cookies; **Table #2** Help kiddos write/mail their letters to Santa

Loading & unloading Hayrides

A gentleman to come dressed as Santa. And also a lady to come as Mrs Claus

Joppa Christmas Village - Ideas

- T-Posts for trees – Let's have 5 or 6 trees this year – all different sizes – 2 ft to 8 ft
- Pre-Lit Trees: Toni has an 8ft. can buy other sizes (Walmart not expensive)
- 5 point 10 ft Star – IMPORTANT ; stored in Mimi's barn
- 8 point Star – Larry & Donna have it
- Old nativity – where is it? Maybe in closet behind church?
- 15 piece wooden Nativity – 15 pieces w angel & little star. In Mimi's barn
- Small wooden Santa
- Will-hay Nelson Claus and Mrs. Claus; some square bales wrapped as Christmas Presents
- Metal Trees – Stacy & David
- Pallet Snowman – donated by Ted. Leonard storing
- Anna's Signs: Elf Village, North Pole, Gingerbread Drive, other? Candy Cane Lane
- Angels – two white lighted angels were in flood at Greens', hopefully they can make an appearance.

A New Idea to think about:

Hot Cocoa & Cider, Christmas Cookies, North Pole Mailbox, Hayrides

- A Sat or Sun. Sat Dec 20, or Sun Dec 7 w rain date Sun Dec 14 - or Sat Dec 6 w rain date Dec 13
- 4:00 or 4:30pm Hay Rides
- Before dark, cocoa, cider, cookies, music
- A decorated table serving Hot Cocoa & Hot Apple Cider & Christmas Cookies
- A decorated table with stationary for kids to write letters to Santa, if it is not windy
- Christmas music playing on a portable speaker or blu ray gadget
- Stroll and sing Christmas carols
- Yule Log Fire – I wish – but I guess not due to burn ban
- **Decorated North Pole Mailbox**, kids can mail their letters to Santa – Mimi & Jeremy will provide
- Option - set up something on the **PATIO of Fellowship Hall**

HAY RIDES do we have a willing neighbor who has a RED (or GREEN) TRACTOR or OLDER MODEL RED TRUCK that could pull a flatbed trailer lined with hay bales, blankets, and boombox playing Christmas Music.

Short hayrides east on CR-210, if we can **figure out where to turn around**



The Bridge Brainstorming ideas

- String cable or cables over the river up high? To suspend the Giant Star?
- String cables with lights from steel pillar to pillar – two lines of lights, simulating where the bridge was – pulled tight so minimal sag?
- Suspend our giant white lighted star on a cable? Or suspend from OLD BURR OAK, or on power pole
- Light trees, bushes, Swanson fence, as many lights as we can.
- Light all the trees lining parking area on SW end
- Light the trees that are down below, toward river bank too for up-lighting
- Light the Old Burr Oak and other trees – colored Christmas lights

Equipment needed:

- Manpower
- Lights, fasteners, ladders, zip ties, nippers,
- Bucket lift, cables, Jeremy knows of a good source for cables.

**** OR, Hire a company** to do the difficult stuff – we can get this underwritten. We'll get estimate.



Suspend the 10 foot 5 Point Star from cable over river? Hang from Burr Oak? Hang on Fellowship Hall?



Christmas trees at end toward bridge but more of them Mr and Mrs Claus Hay People up at higher end
Leonard would come set up M/M Claus PRIOR to Nov 22... so all in place and no worry about big trucks



And Tom and Heidi's pretty angels, white lights. Be hung somewhere? or be staked in yard someplace
with an extension cord. They were in a flooded barn in July.. we'll see if they survived.



5 Christmas Trees. All different sizes. Drive t-posts in the ground. Invite families to bring their Christmas trees. Or decorate tree that's been put up but only has lights.

Anna's Signs: Elf Village, North Pole, Gingerbread Drive, other? Candy Cane Lane



David Stacy's tree

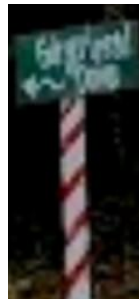
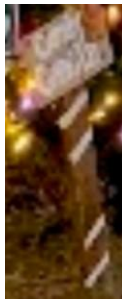


Anna's tree

Toni's tree + decorations added by Dunnihoo's



FENCE LIGHTS Larry & Donna agreed for us to light. Maybe add big bows, wreath or two?



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Leonard's Will-hay Nelson Claus and Mrs Claus. 10 ft tall. Each is 5 wide. UP-LIGHT
Leonard would set it up BEFORE the Nov 22 decorating date due to lg equipment needed.
Also put square bales wrapped as Christmas Presents. At the high end of the parking lot



Older Nativity – use over by the Christmas trees? Or in corner between bench and bridge. lights.



15 piece Nativity figures. mount on rebar stakes in the ground in front of Joppa church corner?

Up-light – with Solar or AC need extension cord.

Mimi and Jeremy C have a plan – Jer will build a primitive structure to “frame” Joseph, Jesus, Mary. The other figures will be outside of the shed – not in straight line. Staggered and angled.

Maybe mount Angel on post behind? Since she’s larger than the others.



Other Joppa lights and Decorations

- Beautiful 8 point white lighted star – Larry & Donna will bring again this year.
- Stacy and David metal trees.
- Net lights on the bushes
- Lights on the fellowship hall east wall. Or the 10 ft star if need.

An option also is to set up something on the **PATIO of Fellowship Hall**



Jeremy and Mimi will build and decorate **LETTERS TO SANTA MAILBOX**



DIY Rustic

