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Pen Financial Sparkle Lighting Awards Winners Announced

Judges Praise the Quality and Creativity of Niagara Residents

Niagara Falls, ON – Judging for the Pen Financial Sparkle Lighting Awards presented by Niagara this Week took place Wednesday, December 12th with Festival staff and volunteers taking to the streets of Niagara Falls to view and assess over 80 residential, multi-residential and commercial properties.

The Sparkle Lighting Awards program is a city-wide property lighting and decorating contest open to every property within the municipal boundaries of the City of Niagara Falls. Prizes are awarded in two categories – residential and multi-residential – divided along the city's ward boundaries.

"The caliber of illuminated properties in Niagara Falls is amazing," stated Pat Mascarin, one of the volunteer judges. "To see so many creative and original ways of decorating a property, it was a thrill to judge and really put me in the festive spirit."

Award winners are as follows:

Residential Category

WARD 1: 5164 Jepson Street
WARD 2: 6671 Dorchester Road
WARD 3: 7006 Dirdene Street
WARD 4: 3283 Kenwood Court

WARD 5: **TIE** 7792 Spring Blossom Drive & 7786 Spring Blossom Drive

WARD 6: 3265 Tramore Crescent

Multi-Residential Category

TIE 6521 Drummond Road & 6563 Drummond Road

Multi-Residential Category

Johnny Rocco's Restaurant – Lundy's Lane & Dorchester Road

Property photos will be posted on the CAA Winter Festival of Lights website (http://www.wfol.com/sparkle-awards.html) as Well as Facebook.com/WinterFestivalofLights

Each will be awarded prizes at the CAA Winter Festival of Lights Volunteer & Sparkle Awards Recognition Dinner on February 21, 2013 at Planet Hollywood.

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About the CAA Winter Festival of Lights

The CAA Winter Festival of Lights attracts over 1.3 million people annually to Niagara Falls, Ontario, and has been recognized as one of the Top 100 Internationally Known Events in North America by the American Bus Association. Festivals and Events Ontario has also ranked it among Ontario's Festivals and Events of Distinction and one of the Top 100 festivals in the province. While just last year Canoe.ca included the CAA Winter Festival of Lights in its Top 10 Canada's best winter festivals. Featuring more than 120 spectacular illuminations, including the world-famous Enchantment of Disney® displays, the CAA Winter Festival of Lights also hosts many events and activities, including the iconic TD RINK at the Brink, CYTEC Candy Cane Lane 5k Race, Fireworks over the Falls, Cintrón SportsFest Niagara, and much more. The 30th annual CAA Winter Festival of Lights takes place from November 3 to January 31, 2013. For more information, visit WFOL.com.