

Holiday Decorations Installed by Homeowners

Questions concerning what homeowners may or may not routinely do (season by season) are spelled out in our **Architectural and Landscaping Rules & Regulations (ALR&Rs)** and that document governs. Certain information in this guideline is extracted as an aid.

The ALR&Rs are available on the heritagegrand.org website under the Governing Documents tab at the upper left and a paper copy is also available at the clubhouse desk.

For **Holiday and Event Decorations** information see the ALR&Rs Article 2. Section 2. Subsection 3. (found on pages 8 & 9).

For Holidays/Events display periods see the ALR&Rs **Appendix A** (found on page 35):

- For "Category 1" events, the display period is thirty days prior to the actual event date and fifteen days following.
- For "Category 2" events, the display period is twelve days maximum.
- For "Category 3" events, the display period is five days maximum.

The Appendix lists which events fall into which categories.

For **Yard Art** information see the ALR&Rs Article 4. Section 3. Subsection 3. (found on page 14).

Decorations for most events/holidays are to be located in planting beds so as to not interfere with Association-provided weekly front yard landscape maintenance (mowing/edging).

Past practices for a few holidays (primarily some Category 1 events) are allowed to be placed in grassed areas. Keep in mind that front yard mowing will most likely continue during most "decorations periods" and, **if electrical cords are run through a mowing area, it is the homeowner's responsibility to remove those cords prior to the weekly work of the yard crew.** Homeowners are liable for any cord damage in the yard crew's normal work area and might also be liable if workers are injured by non-removed electrical lines through the normal work area.

For **Common Area Fences** information see the ALR&Rs Article 7. Section 3. Subsection 19. (found on page 27.) Remember the fastener limitations as described on page 9, note 9.

With respect to installing decorations on COMMON fences or areas (= non-homeowner property), no ARC applications are required for reinstallation of the previous year's decorations (in other words, if event decorations were installed last year and the same decorations are to be installed this year, no ARC application is required) except for the following:

- Use of any animated or sound-generating decorations require ARC application approvals prior to their use. Animated or sound-generating decorations will be limited for times of operation.
- New decorations, decoration designs changed from previous years, or decorations that were not installed the previous season require a prior approved ARC application.

Decorations are not allowed on the outward face of Association-owned Perimeter Fencing.

If there is any doubt concerning holiday or event decorations rules, please contact staff at the clubhouse desk for assistance.

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Board Secretary