



Dear Neighbors,

The holiday season is quickly approaching, and ECHO would love to begin a holiday tradition with all of you! Please join us in welcoming the New Year by lining the streets of our neighborhood with luminarias on Thursday, December 31.

Each luminaria consists of a tea light placed in 2-3 inches of sand inside a white paper bag. (See photo below.) Participating families line the street in front of their house on New Year's Eve with one luminaria at the edge of each sidewalk square and everyone lights their candles at 6:45 pm. (For those with brick or no sidewalk, the rule of thumb is to place the luminaria 5 feet apart.) Given our unpredictable weather on New Year's Eve, the best luminarias use a plastic insert inside the paper bag and a battery-operated tea light. That way you don't have to worry about lighting candles and keeping them lit or your bag collapsing into a wet mess on the sidewalk, no matter whether it rains, snows, or is just very cold and windy.

If you are interested in participating, please fill out the attached form and return it to Carol Schmidt along with your payment by November 29. There is a wooden box on her porch at 204 North Wright Street labeled with ECHO to collect orders. The cost is \$1 per kit. (Each kit includes one battery-operated tea light, one plastic insert, and one white paper bag). ECHO will provide the sand and also pay the shipping cost.

Determining how many luminaria kits you will need is totally up to you. In addition to the sidewalks, you can line your walkway and, if you have one, your driveway too. Eleven kits cover the 50-foot lots typical of our neighborhood. And if you live on a corner, an additional 31 kits should cover the typical 150-foot side yard if desired. Do what works for you!

You will receive another notice with details of the pickup location and time. If there is a lot of interest in the ECHO luminaria display, we may need help putting household orders together for pickup. Please let us know if you wish to help!

Please call Carol Schmidt us at (630) 728-5911 or e-mail her at [carol@carolandal.com](mailto:carol@carolandal.com) if you have any questions or suggestions!

Thank you and best wishes!

**ECHO LIGHT THE WAY FOR THE NEW YEAR LUMINARIA KIT ORDER FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF KITS X \$1 = \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please order by Sunday, November 29 and include a check payable to ECHO)*

Bottom portion will be completed and returned with your order

**ECHO LIGHT THE WAY FOR THE NEW YEAR LUMINARIA KIT ORDER CONFIRMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF KITS ORDERED

