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## East Central Homeowners Organization

Dear Neighbors,

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

Each luminaria consists of a tea light placed in 2-3 inches of sand inside a white paper bag. 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 luminaria 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, **order online at <https://naperville-echo.org/luminaria>** or fill out the attached form and return it to Jen Werneke (8 N Loomis) along with your payment by December 10th. **The cost is \$1.50 per kit, sold in lots of 10 (\$15 per lot).** Each kit includes one battery-operated tea light, one plastic insert, and one white paper bag. **ECHO will not provide sand this year.** Sand can be purchased from Ace Hardware; in a pinch, cat litter can be used as a substitute. **Due to supplier limitations, ECHO will accept orders on a first-come, first-served basis.** After the limit is reached, online ordering will be closed and any additional order forms/payments will be returned.

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. Ten kits cover the 50-foot lots typical of our neighborhood. And if you live on a corner, an additional 30 kits should cover the typical 150-foot side yard if desired. Do what works for you!

Deliveries will likely take place just after Christmas. We anticipate needing help assembling household orders. Please let us know if you wish to help by contacting the Social Committee at [events@naperville-echo.org](mailto:events@naperville-echo.org). Similar to last year, there will be a luminaria map available closer to the luminary event.

Please reach out to the Social Committee via e-mail at the above address if you have any questions or suggestions. Thank you and best wishes!

### "LIGHT THE WAY FOR THE NEW YEAR" Luminaria Kit Order

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Groups of 10 Kits x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_

(Please order by December 10<sup>th</sup> and include a check payable to ECHO)