## Holiday events this season

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Happy holidays from the Village of Tinley Park! Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, which unfortunately forced the Village to cancel the Holiday Market, the Parade of Lights and Photos with Santa this year, there are still plenty of fun holiday activities planned!

#### An Evening with Santa Claus

Santa Claus himself will host a livestream on the Village's Facebook page at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17. Kids from across the Village can tune in to watch Santa read letters he's received from the mailbox at the Holiday Walk, as well as a holiday story or two that will be sure to get you in a festive spirit!

#### **Holiday Walk**

Visit the Holiday Walk in the north commuter lot at the Oak Park Avenue train station and see all of the festive decorations and lights, or walk around and take a few photos with your favorite scenes. While you're there, you can even drop off a letter for Santa or a card for someone in the Armed Forces via two decorated mailboxes.

### **Kindness at Christmas Charity Drives**

The Village is also partnering with local nonprofit organizations for several <u>Kindness at Christmas charity drives</u> from 5 to 8 p.m. on selects days at the Holiday Walk. There will be multiple visitors from the North Pole available each night if families would like to take some fun pictures! Upcoming charity drives include:

- **Dec. 13:** Supply drive to benefit the Crisis Center for South Suburbia
- **Dec. 15:** Food drive to benefit the Tinley Park Food Pantry
- **Dec. 17:** Supply drive to benefit P.A.W.S.
- **Dec. 20:** Fundraiser for Tinley Wish; \$10 donation gets you an elf hat!

#### Elf in the Window

Once you're done at the Holiday Walk, meander downtown and check out the new Elf in the Window Scavenger Hunt along Oak Park Avenue. Participating Downtown Tinley businesses have placed personalized elves in their window fronts, and it's your job to find them all! To play, download the entry form and answer questions about the elves as you locate them. Then deposit your entry form at the drop box at the Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce or email it to the Village at <a href="mktg@TinleyPark.org">mktg@TinleyPark.org</a> for a chance to win some great prizes!

# **Holiday House Decorations**

On your way home, swing by one of the nearly 40 homes that entered into the Village's Holiday House Decorating Contest. <u>See this map</u> for all locations, or watch <u>this short</u> <u>video</u> profiling the three winners.

For more information, please visit <u>TinleyPark.org/Holidays</u>.