



Light Up Liberty 2025

Inaugural Community Holiday Decorating Program
Liberty Park, Inverness

With huge success last year, we are proud to host the 2025 Light Up the Lamp Post Contest. Want to market your business or organization during the holiday season? Decorate a holiday themed lamp post at Liberty Park as hundreds of people visit the park daily and especially during the holiday season.

There's a limited number of lamp posts available so the city recommends applicants to apply early to secure their lamp post on a first come, first served basis. These decorations will be unveiled and lit at the Light Up the Lake event held on Dec. 6, 2025. The City Mayor and Council members will receive an award and bragging rights to the best decorated post.

Award Categories:

- Most Creative
- Most Festive
- People's Choice

Contact: Inverness Parks Department, parks@inverness.gov or 352-726-3913

Light Up Liberty location: Liberty Park, 286 N. Apopka Avenue in Inverness

Key Dates:

- Applications deadline: Nov. 14, 2025
- Decorating period: Nov. 14 – Nov. 30, 2025, dawn to 6 p.m.
- Official lighting: Dec. 6, 2025, at 5:45 pm
- People's Choice – there will be a QR Code displayed at each post for patrons to vote. Be sure to share this on your social media site, always include your lamp post number and organization/business name. *Deadline to vote will be Monday, Dec. 8 at 11:59pm*
- Awards ceremony: Dec. 9, 2025, at 5:30 pm, during the City of Inverness Council Meeting located at the Inverness Government Center 212 West Main Street, Inverness 34451
- Remove decorations period: Dec. 26, 2025, dawn to 9 p.m. Any decorations not removed by 6 pm on Jan. 3, will be disposed of and the applicant will be required to pay a removal fee of \$50.

Decorating Guidelines:

- Complete application
- The Inverness Parks & Recreation Department will approve and assign lamp poles
- Each lamppost will be numbered. **(Be sure to have the Lamp Post #, QR Code and Business Name easily visible for patrons and judges to see.** These can be removed while decorating, just please be sure to reattach upon completion. If not, your post will not be judged.)
- Organization signage is made and hung by the organization, not to exceed 8 1/2" x 11" be sure this is visible for People's Choice Vote.
- Decorations or equipment supplied by organization
- Christmas and winter holiday is the overall theme, variety encouraged
- 20-amps at each lamp pole
- Decorate the pole only
- No tape, tacks or drilling
- Only bungees and zip cords or other approved fasteners
- Groups must supply their own ladders and tools
- Limited poles in Liberty Park; poles will be assigned by Parks Department
- No H-frames, or anything anchored into the ground permitted in park
- **Please plug in all lights**, they will be on a timer set by the city

Light Up the Lamp Posts Decorating Contest

Business/Organization Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ City/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Describe lamp post decorations you plan to install:

Location of Lamp Post: Pick One (Liberty Park, Depot Pavilion or Train Station Area)

Acknowledgement of Understanding

I have read this waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement, fully and understand its terms and understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue. I acknowledge that I am signing the agreement freely and voluntarily and intend my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.

Signatures

Signature

Date: _____

Inverness Parks Department

Date: _____

Please email completed application to
kbrown@inverness.gov

Office Use Only
Approval & Notes:

Lamp Post # _____ Date Received _____ Date Judged _____ Decorations Removed _____