November 2026

"Thanksgiving is one of my favorite days of the year because it reminds us to give thanks and to count our blessings. Suddenly, so many things become so little when we realize how blessed and lucky we are." ***— Joyce Giraud***

Orchard Farms Neighborhood Board Communication

Next District Meeting - Wednesday, December 2nd @ 5pm

The Board welcomes you to join us at our next district meeting on December 2nd, which is also the 2027 budget hearing.

- You can also join via phone by calling 720-707-2699, entering the Meeting ID number 864-1554-3361, and entering the passcode 073377.

For more meeting details, as well as past meeting notes, please visit https://www.orchardfarmsmd.org/board-meetings

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❄️ Celebrate the Magic of Thornton WinterFest! 🎄

December 11–13, 2026 | Carpenter Park Fields

Get into the holiday spirit at Thornton's annual WinterFest! Enjoy three days of festive fun featuring dazzling holiday lights, visits with Santa, ice skating, ice-carving demonstrations, live entertainment, holiday shopping, delicious treats, and activities for the whole family!

Don't miss the spectacular **holiday fireworks show on Saturday, December 12, at 8:30 p.m.**, synchronized to festive music!

Event Hours:

- Friday, Dec. 11: 6:30–9 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 12: 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 13: 5–9 p.m.

Planning a Winter Project? Submit Your Design Review First!

As the cooler weather rolls in, we know many of our Orchard Farms neighbors are gearing up for exciting winter projects —new landscaping, fences, paint updates, and more! Before you break out the tools, we want to gently remind everyone:

🛠️ **All exterior changes to your property must be submitted and approved by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) *before* any work begins.** https://www.orchardfarmsmd.org/design-review

Orchard Farms is a covenant-protected community, and the ARC exists to help maintain the charm and value of our neighborhood by ensuring a cohesive and well-maintained look. Skipping this step can lead to delays, project setbacks, and unfortunately, costly violation notices that nobody wants to deal with.

📄 Not sure if your project needs approval or want to get started on your application? Check out the design guidelines and forms on our community website or reach out to the Metro District Board Member for help.



🎄✨2026 Holiday Decorating Contest✨🎄

It's almost time to light up Orchard Farms with holiday cheer! Our annual **Holiday Decorating Contest** is back, and we can't wait to see our neighborhood sparkle! 🌟

This year, we're encouraging everyone to get creative and bring their favorite **HOLIDAY THEMES** to life! Whether you're dreaming of a classic Christmas wonderland, a dazzling light spectacular, or something completely unique, now's your chance to show off your holiday spirit!

🎅 **Mark Your Calendars!**

- 🎄 **Nominations Open:** November 21 – December 13
- ✨ **Voting Open:** December 16 – December 25

So untangle those lights, dust off your decorations, and start planning your holiday masterpiece!

🎄 **Let's make Orchard Farms shine brighter than ever this holiday season!** ✨

BATTLE OF THE Bulbs

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

FOUR FESTIVE THEMES

1 Griswold Family Christmas

GO BIG, GO BRIGHT, GO BOLD!

Inspired by National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, this theme is all about excess and enthusiasm — bright lights, inflatable mayhem, and over-the-top cheer. If your neighbors can see your house from space, you're doing it right!

IDEAL FOR: *Large "showstopper" displays featuring a substantial amount of lights and decorations.*

2 Classic Christmas Charm

TIMELESS TRADITIONS AND HOLIDAY ELEGANCE!

Celebrate the magic of a traditional Christmas with glowing rooflines, festive wreaths, garland, red bows, and warm, welcoming lights. Think picture-perfect holiday charm that never goes out of style!

IDEAL FOR: *Homes featuring classic decorations, coordinated lighting, and timeless holiday elegance.*

3 North Pole Legends

WHERE HOLIDAY HEROES AND MISCHIEF-MAKERS SHINE!

Going beyond Santa's Workshop, this theme celebrates all the icons of Christmas lore! Bring the magic (and mischief) of the season to life with displays inspired by Santa, Mrs. Claus, Elves, the Grinch, Rudolph, Frosty the Snowman, Jack Frost, or even the Polar Express.

IDEAL FOR: *Homes with animated or story-driven displays featuring characters from our favorite holiday tales.*

4 Candy Cane Lane

A SWEET CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS CREATIVITY!

Bring holiday sweetness to life with giant candy canes, gingerbread houses, peppermint pathways, and whimsical decorations! Think bright colors, playful designs, and a sprinkle of sugary Christmas magic.

IDEAL FOR: *Homes featuring colorful, candy-inspired decorations and imaginative displays that celebrate the sweeter side of Christmas.*

SCAN TO NOMINATE
NOV 21–DEC 13

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SCAN TO VOTE
DEC 16–25

Have Questions? Social@OrchardFarmsMD.org

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HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

1 Nominate

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SEND US THE ADDRESS OF YOUR FAVORITE OFMD OUTDOOR HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AND THE THEME.

2 Vote

SCAN TO VOTE
DEC 16–25

VOTE FOR YOUR TOP EIGHT HOMES — TWO FOR EACH THEME:

1. GRISWOLD FAMILY CHRISTMAS
2. CLASSIC CHRISTMAS CHARM
3. NORTH POLE LEGENDS
4. CANDY CANE LANE

3 Win BATTLE OF THE Bulbs Fame

EACH THEME WILL CROWN 1ST AND 2ND PLACE WINNERS:

1ST PLACE:	2ND PLACE:
$300	$150

Winners will be announced by December 31, right in time to ring in the New Year with holiday glory!

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