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November 9, 2023

Ms. Tracy LaBanco
460 Oriole Avenue
Elmhurst, Illinois 60126

Re: November 2, 2023 FOIA Request

Dear Ms. LaBanco:

I am pleased to help you with your November 2, 2023 Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"). The Village of Bensenville received your request on November 3, 2023. You requested copies of the items indicated below:

"Any and all direct or indirect village expenses associated with the Wilkes Family Halloween Display (i.e., electric, policing, advertising, drone use).

Any and all village Facebook posts, photos or videos, current or deleted, and comments on Facebook in regards to Wilkes Family Halloween Display.

Any and all e-mails and communication between the Village President (Frank DeSimone), Village Manager (Evan Summers), Director of Community and Economic Development (Kurtis Pozsgay), and the Wilkes Family in regard to the Wilkes Family Halloween Display at Village Hall.

Any and all e-mails and communication between the Village President (Frank DeSimone), Village Manager (Evan Summers), Director of Community and Economic Development (Kurtis Pozsgay), and any other individual playing a role or character in the Wilkes Family Halloween Display at Village Hall."

Your FOIA is hereby granted in full with the enclosed records. No redactions have been made.

Very truly yours,







Corey Williamsen
Freedom of Information Officer
Village of Bensenville









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Village of Bensenville
Village Clerk's Office

Title	Date published	Comments	Likes and reactions
 <p><u>video</u> We are excited that the Wilkes Family Halloween Displays in Bensenville was showcased on WGN TV today!... Video courtesy: WGN TV</p>  <p>LINK to post, comments, images and/or video</p>	Tue Oct 31, 7:07pm	9 Comments No Deletions	195 Reactions
 <p><u>Photo</u> Happy Halloween from the Village of Bensenville Join us for Trunk-or-Treat on Center Street from 3:00pm-5:00pm. #Bensenville organizations ...Followed by Wilkes Family Halloween Displays with live actors!</p>  <p>LINK to post, comments, images and/or video</p>	Tue Oct 31, 1:57pm	11 Comments No Deletions	140 Reactions
 <p><u>Reel</u> Almost time for Trunk-or-Treat on Center Street from 3:00pm-5:00pm. #Bensenville organizations and businesses will be decorating their trunks and handing out candy to children ages 3-11 years old along Center Street in downtown Bensenville during this family friendly event. Followed by Wilkes Family #Halloween Display with live actors!</p>  <p>LINK to post, comments, images and/or video</p>	Tue Oct 31, 1:28pm	3 Comments No Deletions	44 Reactions

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 <p><u>video</u></p> <p>We are thrilled that the Wilkes Family Halloween Displays in Bensenville was showcased on NBC and ABC this past weekend! This year marks the families third year of hosting the event in our downtown area... Video courtesy: NBC Chicago</p>  <p>LINK to post, comments, images and/or video</p>	Mon Oct 30, 2:33pm	7 Comments No Deletions	118 Reactions
 <p>Mayor DeSimone made a delightful surprise visit to the students from the NDSEC Transition Learning Center in Bensenville as they ventured into the exciting Wilkes Family Halloween Displays in our downtown area. Spooky fun was had by all! ...</p>  <p>LINK to post, comments, images and/or video</p>	Fri Oct 27, 2:11pm	0 Comments No Deletions	89 Reactions
 <p><u>Photo</u></p> <p>Bensenville Halloween Happenings! Trick-or-treating will be permitted in the Village on Tuesday, October 31, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. ...Wilkes Family Halloween Display...</p>  <p>LINK to post, comments, images and/or video</p>	Thu Oct 26, 3:07am	3 Comments No Deletions	30 Reactions
 <p><u>Photo</u></p> <p>Proclamation of October 31, 2023, as "Wilkes Family Halloween Day" in the Village of Bensenville!</p>  <p>LINK to post, comments, images and/or video</p>	Wed Oct 25, 5:43am	32 Comments No Deletions	209 Reactions

Title	Date published	Comments	Likes and reactions
 <p><u>Photo</u> Wilkes Family Halloween Displays: In downtown #Bensenville, the display will run through the entire month of October...</p> <div data-bbox="117 479 214 576">f</div> LINK to post, comments, images and/or video	Mon Oct 16, 1:47pm	5 Comments No Deletions	77 Reactions
 <p><u>Photo</u> We are sad to say the Wilkes Family Halloween Displays will be closed on 10/13 due to the rain.</p> <div data-bbox="117 896 214 993">f</div> LINK to post, comments, images and/or video	Fri Oct 13, 4:59pm	0 Comments No Deletions	13 Reactions
 <p><u>Photo</u> Wilkes Family Halloween Displays: In downtown #Bensenville, the display will run through the entire month of October...</p> <div data-bbox="117 1312 214 1409">f</div> LINK to post, comments, images and/or video	Wed Oct 11, 3:05pm	5 Comments No Deletions	90 Reactions

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 <p><u>Photo</u> Wilkes Family Halloween Displays: In downtown #Bensenville, the display will run through the entire month of October on Fridays and Saturdays from 7–10 pm...</p>  <p>LINK to post, comments, images and/or video</p>	Sat Oct 7, 12:50pm	9 Comments No Deletions	131 Reactions
 <p><u>Photo</u> Wilkes Family Halloween Displays: In downtown #Bensenville, the display will run through the entire month of October on Fridays and Saturdays from 7–10 pm. Live actors will also be also be present...</p>  <p>LINK to post, comments, images and/or video</p>	Fri Oct 6, 5:59am	5 Comments No Deletions	86 Reactions
 <p><u>video</u> This post is a SHARE</p>  <p>LINK to post, comments, images and/or video</p>	Tue Oct 3, 4:36pm	4 Comments No Deletions	77 Reactions
 <p><u>Photo</u> This post is a SHARE</p>  <p>LINK to post, comments, images and/or video</p>	Sun Oct 1, 7:51am	5 Comments No Deletions	103 Reactions

Title	Date published	Comments	Likes and reactions
 <p><u>Photo</u> Wilkes Family Halloween Displays: In downtown #Bensenville, the display will be available for viewing starting Friday, September 29...</p>  <p>LINK to post, comments, images and/or video</p>	Fri Sep 29, 7:19pm	292 Comments No Deletions	467 Reactions
 <p><u>video</u> Wilkes Family Halloween Displays: In downtown #Bensenville, the display will be available for viewing starting TONIGHT... https://www.bensenville.il.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1830</p>  <p>LINK to post, comments, images and/or video</p>	Fri Sep 29, 2:02pm	12 Comments No Deletions	154 Reactions
 <p><u>Reel</u> This post is a SHARE</p>  <p>LINK to post, comments, images and/or video</p>	Thu Sep 21, 6:07pm	1 Comments No Deletions	62 Reactions
 <p><u>video</u> Wilkes Family Halloween Displays: In downtown Bensenville</p>  <p>LINK to post, comments, images and/or video</p>	Fri Sep 15, 8:04am	12 Comments No Deletion	94 Reactions

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<div data-bbox="117 186 212 285"></div> <p><u>Link</u> Wilkes Family Halloween Display: In downtown Bensenville, the display will be available for viewing starting Friday, September 29, and run through the entire month of October on Fridays and Saturdays from 7–10 pm. Live actors will also be present on Tuesday, October 31st...</p> <div data-bbox="117 488 212 587"></div> LINK to post, comments, images and/or video	Tue Sep 12, 12:10am	33 Comments No Deletion	225 Reactions

No Funds were spent on advertising or boosting posts. No funds were spent on video production, equipment, costumes or drones.

From: Steve Skurski
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 4:30 PM
To: Chad Norris;Anthony G. Sumner;Corey Williamsen;Evan Summers;Marisol Leyva;Mary Ribando;wilkesfamilyhalloween@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Halloween Home Decorating Contest Vote
Attachments: 2023 Halloween Home Decorating Certificates.pdf

Thank you, Chad,

The winners have been notified. I will drop off the certificates and pumpkin trophies on Monday.

Have a great weekend!

Steve Skurski
Community Engagement Coordinator



12 South Center Street, Bensenville, IL 60106
P: 630.594.1010 C: 847.275.0813 E: sskurski@bensenville.il.us



From: Chad Norris <CNorris@bensenville.il.us>
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 2:04 PM
To: Anthony G. Sumner <ASumner@bensenville.il.us>; Corey Williamsen <CWilliamsen@bensenville.il.us>; Steve Skurski <sskurski@bensenville.il.us>; Evan Summers <ESummers@bensenville.il.us>; Marisol Leyva <MLeyva@bensenville.il.us>; Mary Ribando <MRibando@bensenville.il.us>; wilkesfamilyhalloween@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Halloween Home Decorating Contest Vote

Polls are closed and numbers tallied. In the case of ties, I've referred to the number of social media likes.

3rd Place: d - 209 S Church Rd

2nd Place: b - 923 Dolores Dr

1st Place: c - 905 Dolores Dr

b - 3 votes

c - 6 votes

d - 3 votes

e - 1 vote

f - 2 vote

g - 2 votes

h - 1 vote

i - 1 vote

Thank you for voting!

Chad Norris

Media Production Specialist



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P: 630.350.3418 E: cnorris@bensenville.il.us

From: Chad Norris <CNorris@bensenville.il.us>

Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 12:43 PM

To: Anthony G. Sumner <ASumner@bensenville.il.us>; Corey Williamsen <CWilliamsen@bensenville.il.us>; Steve Skurski <sskurski@bensenville.il.us>; Evan Summers <ESummers@bensenville.il.us>; Marisol Leyva <MLeyva@bensenville.il.us>; Mary Ribando <MRibando@bensenville.il.us>; wilkesfamilyhalloween@gmail.com <wilkesfamilyhalloween@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Halloween Home Decorating Contest Vote

Looking at the numbers, 3rd place is currently split between two homes.

Haven't heard from Steve or Evan yet.

I'll keep voting open for a bit longer. ;)

Chad Norris

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P: 630.350.3418 E: cnorris@bensenville.il.us

From: Chad Norris <CNorris@bensenville.il.us>

Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 10:38 AM

To: Anthony G. Sumner <ASumner@bensenville.il.us>; Corey Williamsen <CWilliamsen@bensenville.il.us>; Steve Skurski <sskurski@bensenville.il.us>; Evan Summers <ESummers@bensenville.il.us>; Marisol Leyva <MLeyva@bensenville.il.us>; Mary Ribando <MRibando@bensenville.il.us>; wilkesfamilyhalloween@gmail.com <wilkesfamilyhalloween@gmail.com>

Cc: Chad Norris <CNorris@bensenville.il.us>

Subject: Halloween Home Decorating Contest Vote

Hi, Halloween Voters!

Attached are photos to view of the final submissions to the Halloween Home Decorating Contest. The homes can also be viewed on [Facebook](#) or on the [Virtual Halloween Decorating Map](#). The number of social media likes are also included.

Please pick your three favorites of the 10 entered homes.

Grand Prize Winner = _____

First Runner Up = _____

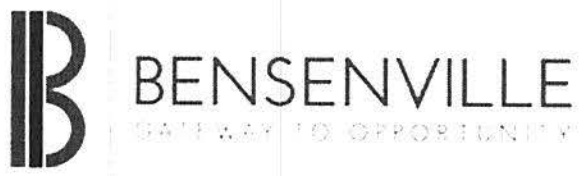
Third Place = _____

Please try to return your ballot to me BEFORE NOON TODAY.

Thank you!

Chad Norris

Media Production Specialist



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P: 630.350.3418 E: cnorris@bensenville.il.us



FIRST PLACE WINNER

THIS CERTIFICATE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT

905 DOLORES DRIVE

was selected first place winner of the Village of Bensenville's
2023 Halloween Home Decorating Contest

OCTOBER 24, 2023



SECOND PLACE WINNER

THIS CERTIFICATE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT

923 DOLORES DRIVE

was selected second place winner of the Village of Bensenville's
2023 Halloween Home Decorating Contest

OCTOBER 24, 2023



THIRD PLACE WINNER

THIS CERTIFICATE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT

209 S CHURCH RD

was selected third place winner of the Village of Bensenville's
2023 Halloween Home Decorating Contest

OCTOBER 24, 2023

From: Wilkes Family Halloween <wilkesfamilyhalloween@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 12:42 PM
To: Mary Ribando
Cc: Frank DeSimone;Evan Summers
Subject: Re: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 6:30pm

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

Hey Mary! We will be there.

Thanks,

On Mon, Oct 23, 2023 at 8:25 AM Mary Ribando <MRibando@bensenville.il.us> wrote:

Hello Chris,

The Village President and Board of Trustees cordially invite you and your family to tomorrow night's Board Meeting. The meeting begins at 6:30pm in the second floor Board Room. Please be in attendance by 6:25pm.

If you would please confirm this email and attendance, it would be most appreciated. Thank you Chris!!

Regards,

Mary Ribando

Executive Assistant to the Village Manager

OMA Officer

Secretary of the Board of Police Commission

12 S. Center Street

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