

Crippsmas Place – Holiday Family Fun in Fremont

Cheer and good will in action in the East Bay!

Come to this Fremont neighborhood's annual "Crippsmas Place" Holiday Display and Charity Fundraiser.

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Crippsmas Place returns this December, featuring a cheerful neighborhood holiday display of Christmas lights and unique decorative lawn displays in north Fremont. Visitors to the north Fremont streets around Cripps Place will be treated to the multi-street festive scenery.

Decorations will be up by Saturday Dec 9, and lit in the evenings through New Year's Eve.

Candy canes, Santa, and live music! Starting Saturday December 9 through Wednesday December 28, from 6-10pm every evening volunteers will be handing out free candy canes at the end of Wellington Place. Visitors can hand their cash donations to the volunteers handing out candy canes, or donate online anytime at <u>www.CrippsmasPlace.org</u>. Donations support five local charities and the Leukemia Lymphoma Society.

Santa and Mrs Claus will be with us from 6-8pm for five evenings, December 10, 11, 17, 18 and 19. We ask that visitors who want to meet with Santa and Mrs Claus to please wear face masks.

NEW FOR 2023: The Mission Peak Chamber Singers will perform for the first time ever at Crippsmas Place on Sunday Dec 17th!

The Crippsmas Place event is how these neighbors celebrate and give back to the community, continuing a holiday tradition begun on Cripps Place by former neighbor Robert "Spider" Cantley over 40 years ago. Unique to Crippsmas Place are the plywood cutout decorations, featuring classic and new beloved children's cartoon characters. Every year new decorations are made by dedicated neighbor volunteers - look for new decorations like Barbie (including photo op box) and characters from cartoons like Tom & Jerry, and Chota Bheem.

Fun Facts to note about Crippsmas Place - around 300 unique painted plywood decorations displayed at over 70 houses.

Planning and much of the work is done by a dedicated group of neighbors, appropriately dubbed the "Crippsmas Club". Everyone involved is an unpaid volunteer. The Crippsmas Club motto is '*For Community, Charity, and Childhood Joy*'."

Seven charities will benefit this year, with donations received split evenly among the local charities:

- Leukemia Lymphoma Society "Fighting blood cancers"
- SAVE (Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments) "Because Peace Begins at Home"
- **HERS Breast Cancer Foundation** "*Caring for women and families until there's a cure*"
- Adopt an Angel Gifts & basics for children in the Alameda County's Protective Child Services
- Ohlone Humane Society's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center
- Fremont Family Resource Center

For more information, see our website <u>www.CrippsmasPlace.org</u> or please call or e-mail Kate Amon - phone 510-821-5579, e-mail <u>kateamon@yahoo.com</u>