



## History of Christmas Celebrations



**1944** – Christmas Begins as a Decorations Contest across all Upper Arlington

**1951** – Decorations Categories for Most Unusual, Most Beautiful, Miscellaneous, decorated all entrances to Upper Arlington

**1975** – Christmas adds Baking Contest, Caroling, Santa's House traveling to various neighborhoods; worked with Department of Recreation

**1980s** – Christmas in the Park accommodates kids coming to the park to see Santa

**1994** – Christmas in the Park moves to Thompson park.

**2001** – 400 slots available – entries accepted through email and mail to come out to Thompson park to visit Santa.

**2018** – Upper Arlington High School Carolers come out to North Shelter

1944 - 1949

1950 - 1959

1960-1969

1970 - 1979

1980 -1989

1990 -1999

2000 -2009

2010-2019

**1948** – Approximately 10 houses awarded scrolls for decorations

**1963** – Categories for Best Religious, Most Original, Best Santa Claus, Most Elaborate, Best Block, Silver Cup Winner

**1973** – Christmas Decoration Contest held during the day due to the energy crisis. Helped the city with annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

**1983** – Christmas in the Park at Lane Road Park – 1,200 kids come through to see Santa and sleigh, hot chocolate, and candy canes

**1996** - revamp decorations and infrastructure – first come first served at entrance

**2015** – Proper structure / walls added to Winter Wonderland in North Shelter