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**Art League of Ocean City launches “Trees for the Arts” program for Winterfest of Lights at Northside Park**

**OCEAN CITY, MD — Oct. 29, 2021** — The Art League of Ocean City invites individuals, families, businesses, and nonprofits to decorate “Trees for the Arts” that will be displayed along the walking trail during the Winterfest of Lights. The annual event takes place at Northside Park in Ocean City from Nov. 18, 2021 – Jan. 1, 2022. Trees for the Arts is co-sponsored by the Ocean City Special Events Dept.

Decorators will embellish their trees Nov. 12-17 with outdoor-safe decorations and lights. During Winterfest, the public will vote for their favorite trees at \$1 per vote, with proceeds benefiting the Art League. The tree receiving the most votes will win a special prize.

“This is such a fun way for people to gather safely outdoors and create something festive together for the holidays,” Aubrey Sizemore, volunteer coordinator for the Art League, said. “The Trees for the Arts will give joy and send your message to visitors for six weeks during the wonderful Winterfest of Lights. Plus proceeds from the votes will help fund the many community outreach programs of the Art League.”

There is no upfront cost to apply to create a tree. The trees are provided; space is limited. Those interested in creating one of the Trees for the

Arts should contact Sizemore at [aubrey@artleagueofoceancity.org](mailto:aubrey@artleagueofoceancity.org) or by calling 410-524-9433.

Additional information and tickets for Winterfest of Lights are available at [OceanCityMD.gov](http://OceanCityMD.gov).

*The Art League of Ocean City is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs and community art projects. Funding for this event is in part provided by the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment of the Arts, organizations dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.*

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