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Experience Tybee for The Holidays

Tybee Island, Ga. – (December 13, 2010) Holiday celebrations continue this season the Island way! During Lights on for Tybee, nominations were sought by Better Hometown in an effort to assist Tybee Beautification Association (TBA) in selecting the Best Decorated Businesses. Every year, TBA recognizes businesses that show their holiday spirit on their buildings to celebrate the season. Representatives presented poinsettia awards to the following ten winners with specific themes being highlighted:

Hidden Treasure on Tybee - Treasure Trove Antiques
I'm dreaming of a White Christmas – Social Club
Most Elegant – Mermaid Cottages
Norman Rockwell Award – Tybee Visitors Center, Solomon Properties & The Savannah Bank
Best Use of Recycling – Huck-a-Poo's
Most Whimsical – MacElwee's
Christmas Classic on the Strand – Spanky's Beachside
Most Kilowatt Hours – City of Tybee
Most Tybee Style – Crab Shack
A Holly Jolly Christmas – Tybee Market IGA

Many businesses and residents have decorated this year for the festive delight of locals and visitors. TBA will be doing their annual touring of the Island to present residents with awards for decorations this month as well.

Holiday activities continue throughout the month as the island prepares for St. Nick's official visit and the coming of a New Year, when there will be fireworks at midnight at the Tybee Pier and the annual Polar Bear Plunge to wake everyone up the morning of January 1st!

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The City of Tybee wishes everyone a Happy Holiday season. Enjoy the opportunity to see the Island in its holiday finery and park for free, Island-wide, until New Year's Eve day. Check out more details at www.tybeefortheholidays.com.

About Tybee for the Holidays: Tybee for the Holidays is a series of holiday events and promotions for Tybee Island jointly sponsored by the City of Tybee Island, Better Hometown Program, the Tybee Island Tourism Council, and the Tybee Historical Society. Information is kept at www.tybeefortheholidays.com.

About Tybee Island, GA.: The City of Tybee Island, Georgia is on the outermost barrier island off the Savannah area coast. With a wild bird sanctuary, over three miles of ocean beaches, and salt marshes on the back river, outdoor recreation activities abound for visitors to the island. As a key defense point to the important Savannah port, Tybee's Fort Screven, Tybee Fort Theater, Fort Pulaski, and the Tybee Island and Cockspur Lighthouses combine with the unique architectures of the island's raised cottages to form a rich backdrop for history buffs. Attracting a strong artistic community, there are several local supporting art galleries. Keeping the island interesting year round are several arts festivals, the Annual Pirate Fest, the Beach Bum Parade, St Patrick's Day celebrations, the Hot Rod Run, the Beach Bash, and the Christmas Parade, as well as fireworks displays on Independence and New Year's Days off the Walter W. Parker Pier and Pavilion. The Marine Science Center cooperates with Georgia's DNR to protect threatened sea turtle species by searching for nests, protecting their eggs, and making sure hatchlings make it to sea. For visitor information, stop by <http://www.tybeevisit.com/>, and to find more about the City of Tybee Island, visit our web site at <http://www.cityoftybee.org/>.

About Tybee Island's Better Hometown Program: Tybee's Better Hometown Program follows a comprehensive revitalization process that improves all aspects of a commercial district. Better Hometown is a self-help approach to economic development for downtown areas designed to grow business and improve a community's quality of life. With broad-based community support, it integrates a practical management strategy with the physical improvements of buildings and public spaces, promotion and image building, and economic development in the area. For more information, visit <http://www.cityoftybee.org/BetterHometownProgram.aspx>



Treasure Trove Antiques won the "Hidden Treasure on Tybee" award from Tybee Beautification Association.



The Tybee Christmas Tree



Why Tybee's Christmas Tree isn't a traditional fir tree!



Spanky's Beachside took the honors for Tybee Beautification Association's "Christmas Classic on the Strand"

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