

Dashing Through December

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You've Been Elfed

Monday, December 5, 2022

Spread holiday cheer to one another by participating in You've Been Elfed. Start the game by secretly leaving a treat or goodie bag on a coworker's desk/area with an elf sign (see page 6) and a poem explaining how the game works. You can "Elf Yourself" and star in a personalized video of dancing elves.

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**I've
Been
Elfed**

You've Been Elfed!

**A festive elf was here to brighten your day,
by delivering this treat to you, then jingling away!**

**Please help celebrate the season
in the spirit of good cheer and
spread joy throughout your workplace
at this special time of year.**

**Quickly leave a treat for someone
where an elf has not gone
and then dash away unnoticed...
while more cheer is passed along.**

**Don't forget to post your elf sign
to show you've joined the fun
of this holiday tradition that's officially begun!**

Holiday Wreath Building

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Enjoy a holiday wreath tutorial.
The video will lead you to create a
special holiday wreath for any season.
Step-by-step instructions can be
found [here](#).

Supplies can be found at your local
craft store.

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Selfies with Santa

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

You better watch out!

Santa is taking some time off during his busiest month to visit City Hall. Grab your mobile phone and snap a selfie with Santa as he visits different departments in City Hall from 1 PM to 3 PM.

A festive holiday gourmet bar setup on a marble countertop. In the foreground, three glasses of hot chocolate are topped with whipped cream and chocolate shavings. To the left, a plate holds several squares of milk chocolate. To the right, a plate is filled with golden-brown cinnamon rolls. The background is decorated with evergreen branches, silver and gold snowflake ornaments, and stacks of Lindt Lindor chocolates in green and red packaging. A small yellow package of 'Candy Cane' chocolates is also visible.

Holiday Gourmet Bar

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Celebrate the holiday while sharing holiday desserts and hot chocolate with coworkers.

Bring your favorite dessert and hot chocolate to share.

Holiday Battle Royale

Friday, December 9, 2022

Deck the Halls by competing in a door decorating contest. Show your department pride and get in the holiday spirit as you work together to spruce up your department door. See pages 11 & 12 for the contest rules and entry form.

Winners will be announced on Dec. 12th on the holiday webpage.



2021 Holiday Battle Royale Winner
Social Justice and Racial Equity

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The Holiday Battle Royale

Department Door Decorating & Holiday Spirit Contest Rules

When: Friday, December 9th

Contest Information:

- The contest is open to all City of Birmingham departments
- Participation notifications must be received no later than 5:00 pm, December 7th. Notifications must be emailed to HR Special Projects at hrrspecialprojects@birminghamal.gov.
- The contest is for department entrance door decorations only, including windows and areas surrounding the door frame. People may only be used for the holiday spirit portion of the contest.
- One contest entry per department.
- Departments must have doors decorated by 5:00 pm, Thursday, December 8th
- Judging will take place at 1:00 pm – Friday, December 9th.
- Winners announced Monday, December 12th

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

- **Holiday Theme** - Any, including movies or songs
- **Visual Impact** - Attractiveness
- **Creativity** - Use of ideas and originality
- **Craftsmanship** - Construction
- **Bonus Points: Holiday Spirit** – Special effects, costumes, festive styling, song (no more than 90 seconds), staff participation.

Judging criteria must communicate your department's holiday theme.

Prize:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards will be given for the ultimate prize of HOLIDAY DECORATING & SPIRIT BRAGGING RIGHTS!!!

Note: Department teams will only be allowed to be present with judges during the review of door. There will be no interaction with judges other than displaying your department's holiday spirit.

The Holiday Battle Royale
Door Decorating Contest & Holiday Spirit Contest Rules

Department:	
Theme:	
Floor:	
Location of Door:	
Point of Contact:	
Contact Email:	
Contact Number:	

Deadline: Wednesday, December 7th – 5:00 pm

Entry form must be emailed to HR Special Projects:

hrrspecialprojects@birminghamal.gov

Gingerbread House Contest

Monday, December 12, 2022

Show off your gingerbread and team-building skills by competing in a friendly gingerbread building competition against coworkers in your department.





Holiday Traditions Around the World

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Share holiday traditions with coworkers.

Learn how holiday traditions are celebrated in different cultures around the world.



Walk It Out Talk It Out

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

With winter upon us, we want to encourage employees to get outside the office and be active. Consider asking a coworker out for a 15-minute walk. While walking, share holiday icebreakers on page 16.

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Holiday Icebreakers

1. What's the best – or worst – Christmas present you've ever received?
2. Describe a Christmas present you wanted badly as a kid, but never received.
3. Name something about holidays that most people like, but you hate (or at least dislike).
4. If you could only have one type of holiday candy this year, what would you choose?
5. What holiday movie or special do you watch over and over again?
6. What's your favorite place to eat?
7. What was Christmas like when you were growing up?
8. Who is the toughest person you have to buy for this Christmas?
9. What one thing are you most grateful for this holiday season?
10. Share one vivid Christmas memory, good or bad.
11. What's your favorite – or *least* favorite – holiday song?
12. I absolutely love:
13. I really need:
14. I really want:
15. I like to relax by:
16. I don't like:
17. Name three words that best describe Christmas for you.
18. What's the best gift you've ever given someone?
19. Would you rather have three feet of snow for Christmas, or no snow at all?
20. The true meaning of Christmas is:

DPW & Public Safety Appreciation

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Departments show appreciation for all the Department of Public Works and Public Safety (Communications, BFRS & BPD) does to serve and protect employees and the community.

"Always have an attitude of gratitude." –Sterling Brown



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Ugly Sweater Day

Friday, December 16, 2022

'Tis the season for ugly sweaters.
Join us as we deck the halls with
ugly sweaters. Come to work in
your festive, ugly sweater.

*Ugly Sweater Day only applies to employees not required
to wear uniforms as part of their work assignment.



Recognize Hanukkah

Monday, December 19, 2022

Learn about Hanukkah and how it is celebrated.



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Caroling in City Hall

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Gather your department's best singers or actors and sing holiday carols throughout City Hall. There is no designated time for this pop-up show. Just be ready in case carolers appear in your area.



Lunch & Learn: Kwanzaa

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Join the Social Justice & Racial Equity
Department as we learn more
about the principles of Kwanzaa.

Register for the Lunch & Learn [here](#).

Bring your own lunch.

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Happy Holidays!

Please send all Dashing Through December questions to
HR Special Projects, hrspecialprojects@birminghamal.gov.