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**20,000 lights and counting**

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Christmas revelers can park in front of Dale Woodall's house and tune their radios to hear the sounds and see the lights of the season.

Woodall has turned his house at the end of a short cul-de-sac into a Christmas extravaganza of sparkling lights, singing reindeer, luminous trees, blinking flamingos and more as a tribute to holidays past.

"This brings back Christmas memories for adults and kids," said Woodall about the display that covers the front yard of his house at 832 Pickford Pointe in Hunter's Pointe subdivision in Madison. "We enjoy it."

His home computer runs the light and sound show from software and hardware he bought. The lights are synchronized to blink off and on in time to a 10-song medley of instrumentals and carols celebrating the season.

For visitors, the show runs about 30 minutes, but it represents hundreds of hours of work for Woodall, who works as an environmental consultant and says he is not a computer whiz. "I just like to hack around but I'm not a programmer.

"The programming takes the longest. It takes about 40 hours to program one song," he said. "I started back in March. The hardest part was coming up with the songs." There were so many tunes to choose from that it took Woodall until June to narrow his choices. The lights went up after Thanksgiving.

About 100 hours went into the creation of "Randolph" the lead reindeer singer. The reindeer is cut out of a type of plastic like that used to make campaign signs, Woodall said.

The Woodalls' Christmas display started out small about five years ago with a few lights. Then last year, he went high-tech with the computerized lights and music.



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**After hundreds of hours of programming 20,000 Christmas lights to music, Dale, Sandra and Rebecca Woodall, 11, of Madison, are ready to celebrate Christmas and ring in the new year.**

### DALE WOODALL'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND MUSIC SHOW

- Pickford Pointe, Madison
- 5:30-10 p.m. nightly through New Year's Day



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