

City announces America 250 Decorating Contest

The City of Columbia City recently announced a special residential decorating contest to celebrate America's semiquincentennial birthday. Residents are encouraged to decorate the exterior of their homes with red, white, and blue decorations between now and June 7th. "The goal of this contest is for our residents to share in the celebration of America's 250th birthday," said Mayor Ryan Daniel. "The patriotic spirit is strong in our community, and this contest is one of many ways our city will celebrate the occasion."

Like the annual holiday lighting contest hosted by the city, a team of judges will travel throughout the city from June 8th – 22nd to award the best decorated homes in each of the four city council districts, while also awarding an overall champion. The awards will be given at the Stars, Stripes and Symphony event on July 2nd in Downtown Columbia City. Residents are encouraged to decorate for day and nighttime viewing. "We are excited to see the creative displays that show community and national pride in the weeks leading up to the America 250 celebration," said Councilwoman Jennifer Romano, chair of the decorating contest. "We encourage residents to self-report to ensure the judges get to experience the hard work of every citizen!" For more information, contact the Mayor's Office at 260-248-5111 or info@columbiacity.net

Subsequently, the Whitley County Historical Society is selling patriotic buntings for \$10 a piece that residents can utilize to show their patriotism.