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**It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas**  
*Lights and Banners Decorate Streets in Highlands Ranch*

Colorful lights, brightly-colored banners and falling snow are telltale signs the holiday season is here. In Highlands Ranch there's no guessing what time of year it is thanks in part to Mother Nature -- and thanks in part to the Highlands Ranch Metro District staff.

For the past month, Metro District staff have been busy preparing for the holiday season. Last week the switch was flipped and our community was decorated with festive holiday lights and banners. More than 48,000 lights adorn trees at the entrances to Highlands Ranch.

Shea Homes partners with the Metro District to decorate the community's light poles along major streets with colorful seasonal banners. The Metro District installs 110 banners at main intersections and entrances.

Metro District staff is transitioning its incandescent holiday lights to energy-efficient LED lights over the next few years. LED lights use up to 90 percent less energy than traditional Christmas lights, last longer and are safer to use. According to the Department of Energy, LED lights have been found to have a useful life of four years of continuous operation. And when one light on a strand of lights goes out it will not affect the rest of the strand.

Highlands Ranch residents can enjoy the holiday display through the new year.

*Founded in 1981 as the local government in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, the Metro District provides a variety of municipal services to this planned community of 93,000 people. Learn more about the Metro District at [www.highlandsranch.org](http://www.highlandsranch.org).*

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