

Celebrate as Frost Village comes alive with Christmas Lights!

This Friday evening the public is invited to view the special holiday lighting of Frost Village, starting at 5:15pm. The houses will be lit one at a time, in dramatic fashion. The Christmas lights and decorations will remain through the holiday season for all to see and enjoy. As you are driving around Tiffin, looking for decorations for the family to enjoy, you will definitely want Frost Parkway to be included. The City in conjunction with Sentinel Career and Tech Center has been adding to the Riverfront display, that you do not want to miss.

Located just off scenic Frost Parkway and surrounding the Monument Square, Frost Village is a collection of grand historic homes that Andrew Kalnow has been restoring. Kalnow aims to bring back to life a once proud neighborhood in the oldest section of our town, officially called the Fort Ball Historic District or more commonly known as Frost Parkway.



The Frost Parkway/Fort Ball Historic District is a very special place in the greater downtown Tiffin area. It is known not only for its historical significance, but also its scenic beauty given its setting on the landscaped northwestern bank of the Sandusky River. It boasts classic old homes and apartment buildings in various architectural styles. It even includes a charming, restored train station hidden away along the railway tracks off North Monroe Street.

Unfortunately, the neighborhood deteriorated over the years and gained a strong element of seediness, as the grand old houses were chopped up into low rent apartments and too often became drug warrens.

The area was particularly grand before the devastating Flood of 1913 which literally swept away houses on the river's banks, including near the intersection of Miami Street and Frost Parkway. In the years after the flood, today's great river retaining walls were constructed, and Frost Parkway came into being after the dedication of the famous Indian Maiden statue, which was given to the City by Meschec Frost who brought National Machinery to Tiffin.



Kalnow bought his first property in the area in 2012 with a vision of revitalizing this once proud and historic neighborhood. Ultimately various other properties were purchased, and he began the revival with the restoration of two properties at the corner of Miami Street and Frost Parkway, which he deemed strategic because of the traffic flow at that corner. However, restoration efforts in the neighborhood were interrupted for a few years as he became distracted by the preservation of the East Tower and by the build out of the East Green as a significant urban renewal project.

Four splendid historic houses are showcased today as the beginning of Frost Village surrounding Monument Square at the tri-section of Frost Parkway, Adams St., and North Monroe St. Only one of the four (24 Adam Street) is fully renovated and occupied, but another (149 Frost Pkwy) soon will be open for tenants with two large full floor apartments. Each of the houses are hand-somely decorated for Christmas with garland and wreaths, and splendidly lit with white lights on all elevations of the structures and along the porches. Thanks go to Penny Barney for her fabulous work on the decorations. The Christmas lights and decorations will remain through the holiday season for all to see and enjoy.