



Annual Holiday Open House
Suggestions



To whom it may concern,

Fitzgerald's Colony Business Association & Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Chamber of Commerce are taking suggestions for the annual Holiday Open House. The planning meeting will be held at the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, September 13th at 12:00pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to confirm a date for the Holiday Open House. Our plan is to promote this as a community event by incorporating Christmas caroling in the park (provided by local churches children's choirs), door prize drawings at participating merchants (optional), Live Music (or holiday music playing over the Grand speakers) & Holiday Foods for purchase (local school/community organizations), Decorated Window/Entrance Contest for merchants (sponsored by Colony Business Association), Santa in the Park, and the lighting of a Christmas Tree (sponsored by Community Bank).

We are planning to block off the section of Pine St. in front of the Chamber to setup seating for shoppers and vendor tents (local school/community organizations), including the Open House headquarters. The Open House headquarters tent will be the location for people to trade a canned food or pet food product for tickets. Shoppers may deposit the tickets at participating merchants for a chance to win various door prizes (provided by the individual merchant -optional).

Pet items collected will be given to the Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Humane Society, and food items will be donated to the Christian Kitchen. The purpose of involving the children's choirs, music, participation of various school/community organizations, etc. is to draw a larger crowd in hopes of increasing holiday shopping. We are promoting all local businesses interested in participating. If you will not be able to attend the planning meeting but would like to participate in the Open House, we welcome any suggestions. We look forward to hearing from you! Please contact us if you have any questions - Holley Lee 229-423-9357 or Becky Gay 229-423-7933.

(Please circle your preferred selections)

Suggested Day of the Week: Saturday or Sunday

Date for Open House: November 12th, November 13th, November 19th,
November 20th, December 3rd, December 4th

Any additional suggestions:_____



(Open House dates of surrounding towns: Tifton Dec 1st, Ashburn Dec 10th, Ocilla Nov 13th & Douglas Nov 20th)