

Enjoy the splendor of the Silverdale show

Lend Me **Your Ears**

by Editor **Andrew Schunk**

TWINSBURG — With 112 channels of computer-controlled animation, Scott Larsen's front yard has become a shimmering, interactive winter wonderland once again.

And like last year, Larsen is hoping that donations for the 32,000-light display will benefit a scholarship and organization inspired by fallen heroes.



"This is our gift back to the community," Larsen said of the exhibit, which he began planning with his family and several neighborhood friends in February. "We've definitely expanded from last year."

In partnership with the Twinsburg Police Department and the Officer Josh Miktarian Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Larsen is hoping to raise \$3,400 — \$2,500 to assist either a Tallmadge or Twinsburg high school senior who is interested in a law enforcement career, and \$900 for the Ohio and National COPS Organizations.

"The whole Larsen family was key in the success of this holiday light and music show," Larsen says.

The house is at the corner of Silverdale Circle and Dayflower Drive, and with 56 amps of peak power, it's hard to miss. ("Is your house on fire, Clark? No, Aunt Bethany, those are the Christmas lights.")

Passers-by can access Christmas music, broadcast in stereo by Larsen over 93.7 FM, and enjoy the splendor of a 22-foot Christmas tree, complete with special effects.

Larsen would not divulge the amount he spent assembling his lighted lawn, which required "hundreds of hours" of work (with help from his wife, Diane, as well as his daughters Morgan and Madison, son Andrew, and brother David Larsen.)

Donations can be made by cash or check to a box in front of the home, and if the family is home, give them a knock and pick up a "Project Blue Light" symbolizing the death of Officer Miktarian, shot in the line of duty in 2008, and the deaths of police officers nationwide.

Donations can also be made to www.silverdalelights.com.

"Plenty of candy canes are available as well," Larsen said.

An anonymous donor with brothers who served in the armed forces will match his total, Larsen added.

So, in the heat and comfort of your 4-wheel family sleigh, turn on some Christmas music and enjoy the lights — and through steamed windows, say a Christmas prayer for the troops and those who protect us closer to home.

The show will run until Jan. 3, between 6 and 11 p.m. each day, and until midnight Christmas Eve and Christmas night. Visit www.silverdalelights.com for more information.

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