



Columbus

Light Display Brightening Up Holidays



A light display in Columbus is putting a lot of people in the holiday spirit. Thousands of twinkle lights adorn Jerry Ludy's home in the Cottonwood Plantation subdivision off Flat Rock Road. All of them are synchronized to different Christmas songs.



You might call him the Clark Griswold of Columbus.

"I've just about maxed out what Georgia Power will allow me to have in one household," said Jerry Ludy.

Not surprising when you see Ludy's display. Thousands of lights, blinking, twinkling and shining to the beats of Christmas

favorites.

"A lot of people have different types of hobbies," Ludy said. "They go hunting. They go fishing. I love to fish, just don't get to go that much because my focus is on Christmas, so that's my hobby. That's what I enjoy."

Ludy definitely has a passion for the season. In fact, he's a self-described Christmas geek. His house is a result of nearly three months of work.

"I start in September," Ludy said. "Basically, start physically putting lights on the roof and then working my way down."

But inside--that's where the magic happens. All these lights are controlled by a simple computer program.

"Everybody has Christmas lights," Ludy said. "What distinguishes these lights from other lights, it's nothing. They're still the same lights you buy in the store. We just add a little twist to it."

A twist that's getting attention. Cars cruise by, some park, and when Santa comes out, so do even the biggest of kids.

"My favorite part was the lights and everything," said Amber Knight, before sitting on Santa's lap.

"I also want them to feel the oohs and aahs, and say how did he do that?" Ludy said.

Feelings that should continue for years to come, as this will only get better. When asked what we can expect to see next year, Ludy said, laughing, "Santa only knows."

Ludy says it takes all year to plan and set-up, and three weeks to synchronize the lights to just one song. He says he's been working with lights since he was a teen, and credits his mother for encouraging him.



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