

Dublin light show expands to Randolph Park after outgrowing neighborhood



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DUBLIN, Va. (WDBJ) -- The synchronized holiday show known as DAK Lights has captivated onlookers in Dublin since 2010.

But after gaining in popularity every year, the show, which previously adorned creator David Kinder's house, needed an upgrade.

"I could tell Christmas Eve, Christmas night at my house, it took 15 or 20 minutes just to get through the neighborhood," Kinder said. "I'm sure the neighbors were upset. I was upset having to honk the horn and get people out of the way."

So Kinder went to the county and got approval to bring his show to Randolph Park. Without his house, though, he needed a new structure to handle the necessary 100 amps of power - which meant he also needed money.

After a Kickstarter attempt failed, the future of the show was in jeopardy.

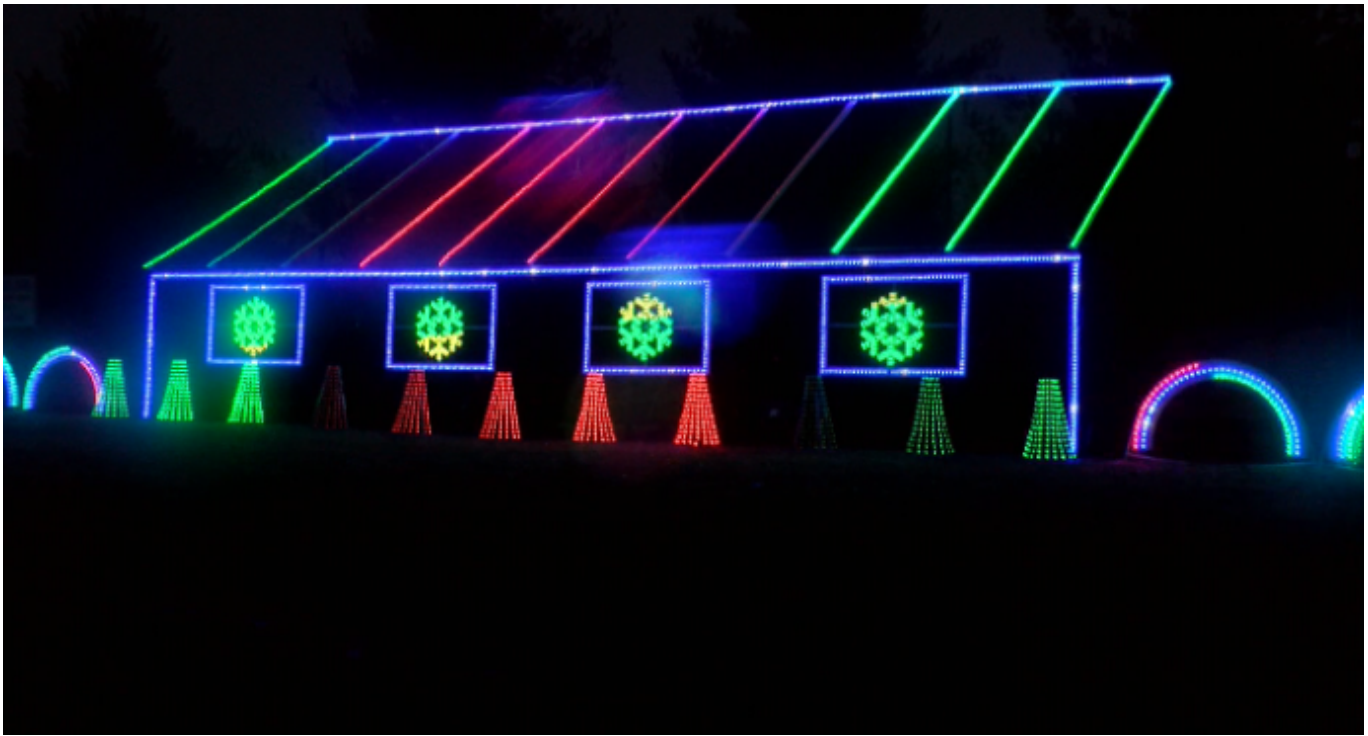
"I wasn't planning on doing anything this year, but an anonymous donor came through and basically wrote a blank check and said, 'Here. We really want you to do this. We want to invest in DAK Lights - make it happen this year,'" Kinder said.

That was in September, which meant Kinder had less than three months to pull it together.

Now, with a new setup that's nearly identical to the one that was on his house, Kinder said the hard part is over.


"You just get to sit around and enjoy some hot chocolate, some coffee and just watch the light show, just





spreading Christmas cheer," he said.

The show is free and runs every night through New Year's Eve at Randolph Park.



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