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DICKENS CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL COMES TO DOWNTOWN MT.PLEASANT (MT. PLEASANT, MI)

Step back in time and enjoy the holidays the old-fashioned way at downtown Mt. Pleasant's Dickens Christmas Festival, December 2nd and 3rd.

Come and wander the streets of downtown Mt.Pleasant as the glow of holiday lights settles upon the city with the scent of pine boughs, roasted almonds, and kettle-corn floating in the air and the sound of carolers and holiday merrymakers accompanying your stroll...

At this year's event:

- Visit our downtown stores to take in the sounds of the season with local musicians and carolers;
- Take a ride in a horse-drawn carriage;
- Stop by Santa's House and see if you've been naughty or nice and visit with his live reindeer;
- Re-live the first Christmas at the live nativity with the Holy Family, animals and singers;
- Take in the performance *A Christmas Story* at the Broadway Theatre;
- Stop into one of our many "Warming Stations" for some hot chocolate and cookies to get the holidays started right!

Additional events happening on Saturday:

- Have a "flying" pancake breakfast with Santa and see Santa's live reindeer;
- Listen to the best-loved stories of the season at the Chippewa River District Library Annex and see the Polar Express model train layout;
- Stop by one of our free Santa's Workshops to make and take crafts and cookies;
- And, mark your calendars for the 9th annual Lighted Christmas Parade on Saturday at 6:00pm!

And, in keeping with the belief that the holidays are about thanking those people and organizations who give so much over the course of the year, the Dickens Christmas Festival committee is pleased to announce Lake Huron Area Council Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan as this year's Lighted Parade Grand Marshals.

For more information on the Dickens Christmas Festival please call Michelle Sponseller, Downtown Development Director, at (989) 779-5348.

A full listing of Dickens' activities and application for the Lighted Parade can be found at www.downtownmp.com.