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Howell's Fantasy of Lights Shines Bright Thanks to Our Community

The Howell Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation extends its heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this year's **41st Annual** Fantasy of Lights Parade, presented by **Hartland Insurance Agency**, and Fantasy 5K, presented by **Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes**, a magical success. With **46 floats** lighting up Grand River Avenue and an incredible **734 runners** kicking off the evening in the Fantasy 5K, this year's celebration was truly one for the books. Whether you volunteered, performed, sponsored, participated in the parade, or joined us downtown with friends and family, thank you for bringing the spirit of the season to life.

This year, we were honored to celebrate Grand Marshal **Ervin Suida**, whose dedication to our community reflects the true heart of Howell. His leadership and service made him the perfect choice to lead this year's parade, alongside newly elected Howell Mayor **Nikolas Hertrich**.

And, of course, a very special thank you to **Santa Claus** for making time in his incredibly busy holiday schedule to bring joy to the children and families of Howell. His appearance always brings the magic of the season to life.

We also want to recognize and thank the incredible performers and entertainers who filled downtown Howell with music, joy, and energy throughout the evening. From the harmonies of **Sorella Acapella** and **Voices of Voyager**, to the talented students at **Howell High School**, **Parker Middle School**, and the **Livingston Lamp Lighters**, each group brought something special to the celebration. We were grateful as well for the beautiful performances by the **Livingston Chorale**, the lively sounds of the **Keith Ozment Duo**, and the festive spirit shared by the **Community Howell Theatre**. Your talent added warmth and excitement to the night, creating unforgettable moments for our community.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the many sponsors who made this event possible. This year's Fantasy of Lights, presented by **Hartland Insurance Agency**, and Fantasy 5k, presented by **Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes**, was proudly supported by - Meijer Inc., Wayne Media Group, Medline Industries, Bob Maxey Ford of Howell, the DTE Foundation, ITC a Fortis Company, LOC Credit Union, The Willows at Howell, Schoolcraft College, Vista at Brighton Apartments, Lighting Hearth & Home by Gross Electric, Wildlife X Team of Southeast Michigan, Citizens Insurance, Beauchamp Water Treatment Solutions, J.J. Jinkleheimer & Co., Hartland Lions Club, Lombardo Homes, Griswold's Outdoor Lighting, Bordine's Nursery, Hungry Howie's, Running Lab, Buffalo Wild Wings, Hatch Stamping Fowlerville, Kubinec Strapping Solutions & TCH Supply, Mission Cry, Morgan Stanley,

MS Ultrasonic Technology, Old National Bank, Redbeard's Scoop Valet, State Farm Insurance – Brandon Krugh Agency, and Surf Internet. Their generosity and community spirit helped light up Howell in the most magical way.

2025 Fantasy of Lights Parade Float Award Winners

We are proud to announce the outstanding parade entries recognized for creativity, spirit, and holiday magic:

- **Children's Delight Award** – Livingston Educational Service Agency
- **Mayor's Award** – Citizens Insurance
- **Grand Marshal Award** – City of Howell Department of Public Works
- **Razzle Dazzle Award** – Livingston Skate Club
- **First Timers Award** – Soapy Bucket Car Wash
- **Spirit of Christmas Award** – Agape City Church
- **Best Use of Lighting Award** – DTE Gas
- **Parade Committee Award** – Caddy Shack Cart Co.

Congratulations to all our winning entries and **thank you** to every group that brought their creativity and holiday spirit to the streets of Howell.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our volunteers, safety teams, parade participants, sponsors, and partners. Your support ensures that this long-standing tradition continues to grow and shine.

The Howell Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation is proud to host such a beloved event, and we are grateful for every person who contributed to its success. We look forward to continuing the tradition in 2026 and watching the magic of Howell shine even brighter.

Thank you for making Fantasy of Lights a night to remember.