

Happy Holidays to one and all! We are in the full swing of the season, I hope you all enjoy a festive celebration with those you cherish most! Hail to the season of the new sock! Always fun to look around and notice everyone wearing brand new bright clean socks this time of year. Bet you will notice that now if you haven't before – you're welcome.

Couple announcements I am very excited to share with you all. Our 2019 Greatest 4<sup>th</sup> in the North theme will be "Thru the Decades". This was a most popular suggestion and as we wrap up the decade with one heck of a celebration! The event will kick off on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and run through Saturday night on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Whilst we will be including July 7<sup>th</sup> in our programming, that particular day will be focused on worship for our area churches. We plan to dedicate each day to a decade's theme (example 60/70's) and tailor our activities and events to that particular time period. For the Grand Parade – you can pick your favorite decade for your theme! The plan is to pack each day with family festivities, we are pulling out the archives to try and bring back some fun events that we used to do during the 4<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to update as we progress, thanks to all who submitted ideas for the theme, we will be targeting you to volunteer.

The Festival of the Pines will be held Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. We are hoping this is the last change to the date we will make and move forward with this tradition being held the last weekend in September.

There is an online community survey circulating. The Lake City Development Committee is looking for input as they work to update our City Master Plan to move forward with redevelopment opportunities with the Michigan Economic Development Corp. You do not have to be a resident to participate in the survey-you just have to love Lake City! It's really important for this project to be successful, we really need the feedback. Here is the link to participate: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LakeCitySurvey>. Redeveloping our downtown and surrounding area will take a full community effort, be a part of it – use your voice, help make Lake City its very best version of itself!

Reminder if you have vision benefits to use up, try Main Street Spectacles! You can contact them and check your coverage today! All you need to do is get an exam with an Optometrist (Walmart is very reasonable) bring in your prescription and pick out your new frames or contacts. I have heard from more than a few people that they are able to get 2 pairs of glasses (or 3!) for the price they have paid for one pair in the past. There will not be Monday Burger Nights at the Eagles for the next 2 weeks due to the holiday, don't worry, they will be back and ready Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>! \$2 burgers from 530p-730p every Monday at the Club. They are still hosting Free Pool on Sundays (Coney Special) & Wednesdays (Wing Special). Next Friday (28<sup>th</sup>) there will be a Fish Basket dinner from 530p-730p.

You are all invited to celebrate New Year's Eve at The Eagles with High Maintenance Band! This appears to be our only local establishment with live entertainment scheduled for the night. Designated Drivers are available! Next Steak O will be on Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Spaghetti Lunch benefit for Rachelle Harris on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 1p with a live auction at 3p. The club is located just east of Lake City on M55 at 4154 W. Houghton Lake Road.

No Steak Fry tomorrow at the Legion – they take December off, but will be back at it with the New Year! Speaking of the New Year, there will be a Party on the 31<sup>st</sup> starting at 4p! Bring a dish to pass and enjoy drink specials, there will be a "ball drop" toast at 9p. Perfect for folks like me that can't stay up past 10 anymore, ha!

The Taphouse is also hosting a NYE Dance party! Hot Traxx Entertainment will be DJ-ing, drink specials, and designated drivers within a 10-mile radius offered.

The Missaukee Historical Society have 2019 Calendars are still for sale. This calendar highlights historical Missaukee moments and the cost is only \$5! Lake City Sesquicentennial books are also for sale at \$10 – either would make a great Christmas gift! You can find the Calendars at A&L Trading Post, Arletta's, The Missaukee Sentinel, here at the Chamber, and the Ardis Missaukee District Library. The Sesquicentennial books are also still for sale at The Missaukee Sentinel, Chamber and the Ardis Missaukee District Library. Countryside Grill hosts a breakfast buffet every weekend on Saturday and Sunday only \$7.99 for all-you-can-eat! Like & follow their Facebook to stay up on specials including a A-Y-C-E seafood buffet and a prime rib night.

Remember to stop during the holidays and get your world-famous Coney from the Town Pump!  
Recycle Missaukee! The Center is open Wednesdays & Saturdays – north on Sanborn Road. Do your part in keeping Missaukee beautiful! The Chamber office will be closed starting December 22<sup>nd</sup> and returning on Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Have an event you would like me to share? Contact the Chamber today!