

Come join the Heart of Michigan Bernese Mountain Dog Club, Inc.
In Our Twenty Third Appearance in
The 42nd Annual Howell Fantasy of Lights Parade



It's time once again to show off our dog's true heritage and what better way then to participate in the 42nd Annual Howell Fantasy of Lights Parade! Dress up your cart, your dog, or even yourself, and participate in a night of fun.

- When:** Friday, November 28, 2025
- Time:** Meet between 5:45-6:00 p.m. with parade lineup at 6:45; the parade starting at 7:00. Please note that Grand River will close for the parade and a fun run at 5:30 p.m.
- Where:** Staging behind the Howell Health Hub
- Decorations:** The theme is **Tinsel Toys and Twinkling Lights** and the idea is to have as many lights as possible on the entries. Decorate your cart (your dog or even yourself) in the holiday theme. But, please no Santa or Mrs. Claus as the real ones are at the end of the parade. **Please remember that we have to keep moving forward at all times during the parade, so keep this in mind when designing your dogs entry as if anything breaks, stops working, or falls off, there is no place to stop and repair. Also, it will be enforced to not take the dogs to the side for the audience to pet the dogs as that doesn't keep the forward motion that is required for the parade.**

Please come even if your dog doesn't pull a cart. All you need to do is dress him/her with lights (battery operated of course!) and you can even dress yourself in lights too. Puppies are more than welcome to come, but please make sure they are not spooked by loud noises and can walk the whole parade route of one (1) mile.

The location is the same as last year at the Howell Health Hub. I haven't received an entry number yet. When I do I will post it. Look for the cone with our number on it. That's where we will meet. I am planning to park at Town Center Veterinary Clinic at the end of the parade Route. They are closed at that time, so we won't interfere with their business.

For more information, please contact Kelly Smigielski at 248-486-5659 or via email to ladboy@peoplepc.com.

Please note: This is a large parade that draws in a very large crowd, the last few years attendance was well over 30,000!!! Please be aware that there will loud noises (banging drums, clapping, shouting etc.), other animals and lots of loud music (live and recorded). Please make sure your dog will not be scared by all this.