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## **BRINGING THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT TO OUR VILLAGE**

### ***Light up the Park***

**BLISSFIELD, MICHIGAN, 10/25/2024**--- "Light Up the Park" will be back this December in Blissfield's Ellis Park along the River Raisin. Limited number of trees available, sales begin November 1.

For the fifth year, the Village of Blissfield Parks and Recreation Department invites residents, families, churches, businesses, and other groups to sponsor, light, and decorate a tree. This year's "First Light Party" is scheduled for Saturday, November 30 (in the case of inclement weather, the event will be held on Sunday, December 1). Hot cocoa, cookies, music, and photo opportunities are planned.

"This event grows a little each year. In 2023 Coachlight Estates generously sponsored the lights on the pedestrian bridge, which have been used year-round to brighten the Village. Last year was our initial First Light Party, and we had a nice group gather to see all the trees lit up," said Blissfield resident Emilie Mullins, who is in her fourth year as event chairperson. Hot cocoa, cookies, music, and photo opportunities are planned.

This event is a fundraiser for the Village's Parks and Recreation department. The cost is \$80 per tree. Sign up is available starting November 1 online at <https://lightupthepark2024.eventbrite.com/>. Sponsorship forms are also available at the Village office. Participants should register early as only thirty trees are available.

Earlier this year, Blissfield Rotary made an extremely generous donation to the Village to add interactive lights to the arch bridge. These lights will make a wonderful addition to Light Up the Park, as well as throughout the year. Although the timing of installation is not finalized, we hope to see the lights reflecting across the span of the River Raisin soon.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is also seeking donations from individuals and businesses to sponsor even more lights, with the goal of eventually illuminating the gazebo, dog park, and fencing. Donations are being accepted via [Venmo.com/Blissfield-ParksandRecreation](https://venmo.com/Blissfield-ParksandRecreation) or at the Village Office.

Lit trees will be on display from December 1, 2024 to January 1, 2025. The tree display will again be along the curved sidewalk leading up to the pedestrian bridge and expanded along the Rotary Trail near the Dog Park. For further information contact Village Office 517-486-4347.

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