

You're Invited to Enjoy the
Winter Events
in
Michigan City

**Experience the beauty,
majesty and excitement of
winter on the southern
shores of Lake Michigan**



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An award-winning wonderland of lights that captures the imagination and attention of people of all ages

Delicious varieties of chili in a hot contest at Washington Park: a fundraiser for the Mayor's Campaign Against Cancer

A charming zoo that features lions, tigers, and bears as well as zebras, lemurs, baboons, a barn full of animals waiting for children to pet them, and the Children's Rotary Castle

A winter holiday parade, packed with costumed characters, bands, precision marching groups, and of course...SANTA!

Unique museums—Ragtops Auto Museum, The Old Lighthouse Museum, and the Great Lakes Museum of Military History—most offer special holiday events

Professional performances of the county symphony orchestra, theatre productions and "The Messiah"

Special Christmas tour at the historic Barker Mansion, where the Victorian era comes to life every day

Special art tours, classes and displays throughout the city

Santa sightings—including a special book-reading event at the library—throughout December

The majesty of Lake Michigan and the dunes is the background against which winter plays in Michigan City...and you won't want to miss experiencing the winter holidays in this charming community on the southern tip of the Great Lakes.



Michigan City, IN



Schedule of Winter Events

Saturday, December 1 FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Washington Park on Lake Shore Drive. This is the largest FREE holiday light extravaganza in the Midwest! Bonfire, horse-drawn wagon rides, hot chocolate and cookies in the hospitality tent, and much more. **4-7 p. m. CST. Lights will be turned on at 5 p.m.** and will remain lit through January 6, 2008. FREE. Call 219/873-1506 for more details.

Chili Cook-Off

Washington Park on Lake Shore Drive. The Mayor's Campaign Against Cancer sponsors an annual Chili Cook-Off as a fundraiser. Department Heads from the City of Michigan City compete for a trophy as they offer their delicious and unique chili concoctions. Taste all the chili entries for just \$3 and vote for your favorite. Purchase a big bowl for just \$5. All funds collected will be donated to the Susan B. Komen Foundation for use in our area. **4 p.m. CST until all the chili is gone**— at the "old bumper car building." The chili goes FAST, so come early! Look for the Pink Breast Cancer Awareness pin in lights! Call 219/873-1506 for more information.

Saturday, December 1 and Sunday, December 2

Zooltide at Washington Park Zoo
Lake Shore Drive. Carolers, Santa, special activities and more. **4-7 p.m. CST. Admission fees are: \$2 for adults and \$1 for children ages 3-12; children 2 years old and under and all Zoo Society Members are admitted free.** Call 219/873-1425 for more information.

Sunday, December 2 Snowflake Parade

Franklin Street North from 9th to 4th Street at the Library. **4 p.m. CST.** Free hot chocolate served at the library entrance by Michigan City Firefighters. Parade, sponsored by the Michigan City Mainstreet Association. Look for family activities and organizations selling wreaths, gifts, etc. along the route. Parade followed by lighting of community Christmas tree at library plaza and holiday sing-along. FREE. Call 219/363-1407 for more details.



CST and Sat/Sun at Noon and 2 p. m. CST. **Mansion is closed December 23, 24, 25 and January 1.** Admission fee: \$4 for adults; \$2 for youths age 18 and under; and free for children age 3 and under. **Call 219/873-1520** for additional information.

Theatrical & Musical Performances



**Mainstreet Theatre—
807 Franklin Street**
Call 219/874-4269 for details.

**LaPorte Hospital Presents the
LaPorte County Symphony**
"Holiday At the Pops" -
Saturday, Dec. 9
LaPorte Civic Auditorium
Call 219/325-0666 for details.

"The Messiah" - Sunday, December 16
Performances at 3 pm and 7 pm CST
First Presbyterian Church—9th &
Washington Streets; parking in back
FREE tickets; call 219/879-4501 for details.

December 1, 2007—January 13, 2008

Christmas Tour at Historic Barker Mansion

The tour this year features "A Fairy Tale Christmas," where each of the Mansion's rooms are transformed into a holiday fantasy inspired by a different storybook character

December 1-16 Open House M-F Noon-3 p. m. and
Sat/Sun Noon-4 p. m. CST

Stories with Mrs. Claus—Saturday, Dec. 8 at 10:30
am CST. Reservations required for storytelling.
Guided Tours begin Dec. 17; only available at regular
tour times of M-F at 10a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m.



More Exciting Events!!

Santa Sightings!

- Michigan City Public Library; Tuesday, 12/5 at 5:30 p.m. CST. Baby Talk Family Fun Night. Children 0-3 receive free book. FREE photos with Santa! Call 219/873-3049 for details.
- Marquette Mall. Call 219/879-8375 for dates and times.
- Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets. Call 219/879-6506 for dates and times.
- **Winter art displays, tours and classes** at the Jack & Shirley Lubeznik Center for the Arts. December through February. For more details, call 219/874-4900.
- Visit **Ragtops Auto Museum** (219/878-1514), **Great Lakes Museum of Military History** (219/872-2702) and **The Old Lighthouse Museum** (219/872-6133).
- **Ice Skating**. FREE. Call 219/873-1506 for locations and times.
- Special holiday and winter packages at local **Bed & Breakfasts**. Contact the LaPorte County Convention & Visitors Bureau at 219/872-5055 for details.
- **Tours of historic churches**. Contact the LaPorte County Convention & Visitors Bureau at 219/872-5055 for details.
- **Horse and wagon rides** through downtown Michigan City and/or through Washington Park on the southern shores of Lake Michigan. Contact the Michigan City Mainstreet Association at 219/363-1407 for details.