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**Grand Marshal Announced for 2023 Fantasy of Lights Parade**

Howell, Michigan – The 39th Annual Fantasy of Lights Parade in Howell is delighted to announce its Grand Marshal for this year's spectacular event, Mr. Clark Gill, Owner of Aberrant Ales. The parade will take place on the day after Thanksgiving, continuing a beloved tradition that brings joy and holiday spirit to the heart of Livingston County.

Clark Gill is a long-time resident of Livingston County, and he has been a cornerstone of the community since he opened Aberrant Ales in Downtown Howell in November 2017. What began as a hobby for Clark quickly evolved into a passionate venture that has enriched the local culture and spirit of Downtown Howell. Through his dedication and community-minded approach, Clark has become an essential part of making the Howell area a better place to live, work, and play.

At Aberrant Ales, Clark Gill has not only crafted exceptional beer but has also contributed his time and talent to numerous organizations and events, making a positive impact on the community. His commitment to the betterment of Howell and its surrounding areas is an inspiration to all who know him.

The 39th Annual Fantasy of Lights event will kick off in Downtown Howell the day after Thanksgiving, featuring a wide range of activities for the whole family. Festivities begin at 3 pm on State Street and include live entertainment, letter-writing to Santa, children's craft activities, delectable food truck options, and even a chance to meet live reindeer. Participants can enter to join a 1-mile walk or run in the Fantasy 5k (registration is required) with a costume contest that will set a festive tone for the evening. The highlight of the event will be the breathtaking lighted parade, which will illuminate Grand River.

This year's theme for the Fantasy of Lights Parade is "Tunes and Toons," and float entries are encouraged to decorate their float with their favorite Christmas songs or cartoons. Clark Gill, the Grand Marshal, will lead this colorful procession, adding his unique touch to the already enchanting evening.

We are proud to have Cobb-Hall Insurance once again as the presenting sponsor of this year's event, contributing to the magic of the 39th Annual Fantasy of Lights Parade in Howell. The Fantasy of Lights Parade has been a cherished tradition in Howell for nearly four decades, and this year's celebration promises to be a heartwarming experience for all ages. Join us in welcoming Grand Marshal Clark Gill and celebrate the joy of the holiday season at this remarkable event.

For more information about the 39th Annual Fantasy of Lights Parade and its Grand Marshal, please visit Howell.org.

About the Fantasy of Lights Parade:

The Fantasy of Lights Parade in Howell has been a beloved tradition for 39 years, bringing joy and holiday spirit to Livingston County and its visitors. It showcases beautifully decorated floats, community participation, and the spirit of togetherness during the festive season.

Parade applications can be found at howell.org. Sponsorships are also available for the Fantasy of Lights and Fantasy 5K that takes place at 6 p.m. before the start of the parade at 7 p.m. Entertainment begins at 4 p.m. and includes visits with Santa on State Street.

The Fantasy of Lights is a program of the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, a nonprofit 501 c (3). Donations to the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation are tax deductible.

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