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## For Immediate Release

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## Light Up The Night New Holiday Decorating Contest

**Michigan City, IN** (November 5, 2004) – Illuminate the community with holiday spirit...and participate in Michigan City's new outdoor holiday decoration contest!

The "**Light Up The Night**" contest, created by the City of Michigan City and the LaPorte County Convention & Tourism Bureau, runs from December 1 to December 23, 2004 and is open to all homes and businesses in greater Michigan City. Prizes will be awarded for each of the three residential and two business categories. So, haul out your decorations, string your lights and share your creative holiday spirit with passers by!

### **Clark Griswold Award**

*This award will go to the homeowner whose residential holiday lighting efforts reflect the creativity of 'Clark Griswold,' the character played by Chevy Chase.*

### **Holiday Spirit Award**

*This award will go to the homeowner whose residential lighting and decorating efforts best reflect holiday spirit.*

### **Reason For The Season Award**

*This award will go to the homeowner whose residential lighting and decorating efforts best reflect a winter religious holiday.*

### **Creative Award**

*This award will go to the business which decorates their building and grounds most creatively.*

### **Spirit of the Lakefront Award**

*This award will go to the business which best reflects Michigan City and the lakefront in their winter holiday decorations.*

Entry forms are available (beginning November 10th) at City Hall, the LaPorte County Convention & Tourism Bureau, The News-Dispatch, the Barker Mansion and the Michigan City Public Library. Forms will also be available at the hot chocolate station in front of the library during the Snowflake Parade on December 5th, at the Jaycee Stage during opening night of Festival of Lights on December 5th, and at Washington Park Zoo during Zooltide on December 4th and 5th.

**Completed forms must be turned in to the Mayor's Office (by mail, email, or fax) no later than Monday, December 6, 2004, to qualify for eligibility.** Only registered participants will be judged and able to win prizes. A panel of judges will admire and evaluate each entry on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and award prizes based upon quality, quantity and aesthetics. Winning entries will be notified by phone.

**Send completed forms to:**

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Photos of the winners (buildings) will be featured on the Michigan City website ([www.emichigancity.com](http://www.emichigancity.com)) beginning January 3, 2005.

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