# December Newsletter DELLRAPIDS Chamber of Commerce



## **Dell Rapids Chamber:** Christmas at the Dells

The annual "Christmas at the Dells" celebration hosted by the Dell Rapids Chamber of Commerce will be held December 5th - 8th. This year's theme is "A Griswold Family Christmas". The weekend will be filled with a lot of fun activities.

On Saturday, December 7th, the Dells Theatre will be hosting a free movie, "The Polar Express", sponsored by Schwebach Realty & Insurance at 10am. Ace Hardware will be having a free ornament decorating event from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Sleigh rides will be happening downtown from 1-3pm sponsored by Lewis Drug and Amy Lensing, Hegg Realty. County Fair will have free cookie decorating for the kids from 1-3pm. Pizza Ranch will be bingo from 3-4:30pm. The Dell Rapids Museum will be open all day long with many items for raffle an auction. The chamber will have a tree lighting ceremony at the Dell Rapids Senior Center with caroling by the Dell Rapids High School choir at 6:15pm. The Parade of Lights will start at 6:30pm.

On Sunday, December 8th, families will have an opportunity for a free holiday photo on Zero St & Orleans Ave by Frances Larson Photography. The chamber will also be hosting a "Crafts and Cocoa" event at 3pm. The evening will end with performances by the Dell Rapids and St Mary Jazz Bands at 6pm at the Opera House.

There will be many Santa Sightings throughout the month. Santa will be at Dells Theatre (Dec 7th, 9am), Pinz (Dec 7th, 7pm and Dec 11th, 5-7pm), Dells Lumber (Dec 14th, 10-11:30am), Pizza Ranch (Dec 17th, 5-8pm), County Fair (Dec 18th, 5-7pm), and the library (Dec 23rd, 9am).

The chamber is hosting many contests throughout the month as well as having a Scrooge Contest Food Drive. Visit https:// dellrapidschamber.com to find a list of all the events!

The Dell Rapids Chamber also reminds you to SHOP LOCAL all holiday season!

# In this newsletter you can expect:

Christmas at the Dells

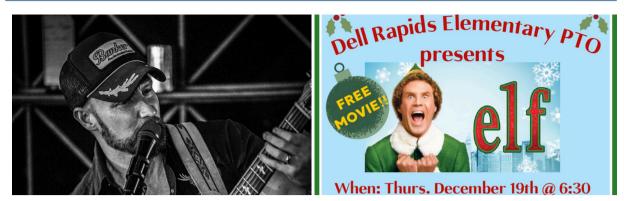
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#### Highlighted December Events

Norby's welcomes Collin Donley for live music on Saturday, December 14th. The event will be from 8pm to 11pm.





#### Elegant Afternoon Tea -The Meeting Nook

Each guest will receive a beautifully arranged 3-tiered tray filled with a selection of delectable treats. In addition to scrumptious offerings, we will be serving unlimited tea, carefully selected to complement your treats and provide a truly relaxing experience

Whether you choose to dress up in your finest tea attire or come as you are, you are welcome to join us for a sophisticated experience.

Spaces are limited so reserve your spot today by signing up at https:// themeetingnook.com/afternoon-tea/ The Dell Rapids Elementary PTO will be having a free movie night at Dells Theatre on Thursday, December 19th at 6:30pm. The event is also sponsored by GoldenWest and Ace Hardware. Any donations that are collected at the event will go towards restocking the student closet at the elementary school.







Clay Creations Necklace

Clay Creations by Maddie will be hosting a workshop to create fun, custom necklaces. These will make wonderful gifts this Holiday Season. All ages welcome so grab your friend, daughter, mom and join us. Registration is required by contacting The Local.



### **Future Planning**

The city of Dell Rapids is in a unique time right now. Multiple groups are currently planning for the future with strategic plans to better serve everyone in Dell Rapids. The Dell Rapids Economic Development board is in the middle of a strategic plan.

The Dell Rapids Chamber of Commerce is just starting a strategic plan to better serve the businesses of Dell Rapids. If you are a business owner or manager in a business, please visit this link to take a short survey, <u>https://</u>

www.surveymonkey.com/r/dell-rapidschamber-local-business-communitysurvey-2024 The Dell Rapids Public School is also starting a strategic plan of their own. They have three different surveys that can be taken for residents, alumni, or parents of students.

Community Survey

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S89VJ6Z Alumni Survey https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ SKPNCHV Parent Survey https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S87KLC9

The Dell Rapids community is an exciting time, so make your voices heard by completing the surveys.



#### A Few Notes To Remember

- Be sure to follow us on Facebook, @DellRapidsChamber, and check out the website regularly for a listing of local events
- Please let us know of any upcoming events/promotions that you'd like included in the future by emailing office@dellrapidschamber.com
- Chamber meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm at 511 E 7th St, west entrance of River Community Church
- Remember we are made up of mostly volunteers, so please be kind!

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