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ANNUAL  
SILVER BELLS  
IN THE CITY

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OF

SILVER BELLS  
IN THE CITY

A LANSING TRADITION

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BEGINNING AT 5 PM  
ON THE DATE OF  
NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>

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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## SILVER BELLS VILLAGE 5-9 PM

The Silver Bells Village is the perfect place to start your holiday shopping, get some refreshments and purchase your Silver Bells commemorative ornament. The village will feature thirty vendors and seven food trailers/trucks.

For those with sensory sensitivities, visit the Mid-Michigan Autism Association booth for sensory maps and tools such as headphones, earplugs, fidget spinners, and sunglasses, while supplies last.

The Village is located on the 100 E. Block of Allegan Street between South Washington Square and Grand Avenue.

## 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE 6 PM

The signature Electric Light Parade has anchored Silver Bells since 1997. This year's parade steps off at 6 PM from the corner of Lenawee Street and South Washington Square. The parade features more than 70 entries decked out with thousands of lights. Entries include 11 high school marching bands, horse drawn dignitary carriages, Santa Claus atop his sleigh and more!

## STATE TREE LIGHTING 7:30 PM

Following the parade, the festivities continue with the annual state Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the capitol building. Dignitaries will flip the switch that sets it aglow. This year's state tree is a gorgeous 60-foot-tall spruce donated by Eagle, Mich. residents Rich and Dorcas Albertson.

## IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PARADE



## GRAND MARSHAL

# JAYCI SIMON



Silver Bells and silver medals. What could be a better pair? The Grand Marshal of this year's Electric Light Parade, the centerpiece of Silver Bells, brings the two together nicely.

Nineteen-year-old Jayci Simon, of St. Johns, Mich.—along with partner Miles Krajewski, of Yankton, S.D.—became the first American ever to medal in Paralympic badminton at the Summer Games in Paris this year. Simon and Krajewski grabbed the silver in the SH6 mixed doubles bracket for short stature athletes, taking down some of the best teams in the world. Facing a highly experienced Chinese team of 30-plus-year-olds Naili Lin and Fengmei Li in the finals, Simon and Krajewski went all-out for the ultimate upset but fell just shy.

Simon, daughter of Chad and Amy Simon, was born with acromicric dysplasia, an extremely rare skeletal condition with only

around 60 cases reported worldwide. The condition is characterized by delayed bone maturation leading to dwarfism. She stands in at just 3-feet, 9  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inches tall, but has never been one to think small. Simon has always set sturdy goals for herself, explaining before her first match in Paris her philosophy that, “No dream is ever too big.”

## COMMUNITY SING FEATURING

# DAVID ARCHULETA



A special performance by Miami-born singer/songwriter, David Archuleta. Since first stepping into the pop spotlight at age 17, David Archuleta has embodied the kind of genuine star power that can't be manufactured. After years of dazzling audiences with his radiant personality and phenomenal voice—a journey that's included turning out multiple platinum-selling hits, achieving global acclaim as a captivating live performer, and emerging as an undeniable fixture on the pop-culture scene. David's angelic voice, bashful sweetness and megawatt smile infuses Silver Bells in the City with Joy (to the World)!

Enjoy the spirit of the holiday season by listening to Archuleta's seventh studio album *Winter in the Air*.

Follow him on Instagram for all his latest updates @DavidArchie

# BROADCAST & KEEPSAKES

## BROADCAST

Silver Bells in the City will be broadcast live on FOX 47 and locally on Comcast channel 12 on Friday, November 22 from 6-8 PM with hosts Bob Hoffman, Mark Buzzitta, and Asya Lawrence.

## LIGHTING UP THE NIGHT

Attendees can add to the electric spectacle with commemorative LED wristbands. Event staff located by downtown parking areas on Michigan Avenue and South Washington Square will distribute 10,000 wristbands on a first come, first served basis ahead of the parade. The Silver Bells ornament booth in the Silver Bells Village is another distribution point. The LED wristbands are compliments of the Lansing Board of Water & Light, LAFCU, General Motors, CATA and the Lansing Center. The wristbands synchronize with the night's musical performances.



## COMMEMORATIVE ORNAMENT

Remember the 40th annual Silver Bells in the City for the years to come with a commemorative ornament. Inspired by the ruby anniversary, this collectible ornament is proudly hand-crafted for you in Lansing, MI by artist Tiffany Marie of La Fille Gallery.

Ornaments can be purchased online, at [silverbellsinthecity.org](http://silverbellsinthecity.org), for \$28 each. Quantities are limited. They will also be available the night of the event in the Silver Bells Village or at La Fille Gallery.

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## NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> RACE BEGINS AT 9 AM

Grab your running shoes and favorite holiday costume and join us for the Silver Bells 5K Race. The Silver Bells 5K Race is fun for the whole family as well as competitive runners. The event is chip timed and includes a costume contest, finisher medals and long-sleeve tees for all participants. There are also awards for top finishers in age groups.



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## ATTRACTION HIGHLIGHTS



### State Capitol

Location for Tree Lighting, Community Sing, and Drone Light Show



### State Christmas Tree Lighting

Following the parade



### Community Sing

Following the tree lighting



### Drone Light Show



### Fireworks



### LED Wristbands



### Silver Bells Village



### Restrooms



### Parking



North Capitol Ramp



North Grand Ramp



South Capitol Ramp



Townsend Ramp



South Grand Ramp



Museum Drive\*

\*Event Parking for \$10, starting at 4pm.



### Emergency Stations/Lost Children



### Electric Light Parade Route



### Suggested Area for Attendees with Sensory Sensitivities for Parade Viewing



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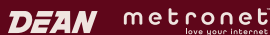
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