



Hello & Merry Christmas!

Now that the Bemidji Jaycees have officially put the 2017 First City of Lights in the books, work has already begun on this year's festivities. Last year, we were able to place 165,000 lights in the trees at Paul Bunyan Park, Library Park and Downtown Bemidji. We sold out all our reusable streetlight banners that generated \$13,000 for the project. We continue to use our reusable LED street light decorations that we purchased two years ago and continue to get compliments on them.

This year, we are planning something extra big and extra special. If we receive funding through the many grants we are applying for, we hope to put Bemidji on the map with this one-of-a-kind decoration we hope to build. We are also looking to add lights to Lake Bemidji's south shore, where the site of the 2019 Hockey Day Minnesota shall be.

I'd like to thank all members who helped with the project before, during, and after. I'd especially like to thank my co-chair Carrie Johnson for all her hard work and helping create a vision for this newer project.

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