

**2023 Lamplighter Festival
Honorary Lamplighter
Gordy Warren**

The Lamplighter Committee is pleased to have Gordy Warren as the Maple Rapids citizen that best represents the characteristics that we most value as a citizen of our hometown.

Gordy was born in Maple Rapids in 1938. He attended Fulton Schools where he played football, basketball and baseball. Gordy was the president of his senior class and graduated from Fulton High School in 1956.

From 1956 to 1960 Gordy was in the Air Force. When he left the service he attended DeVry in Chicago studying in the technical field. He then worked for Spartan Electronics in Jackson until 1966.

On September 12, 1966 Gordy started working for Fisher Body and moved into the skill trades being an electrician. He retired from General Motors on July 31, 2000.



In retirement Gordy enjoys golfing, fishing and working on puzzles.

Gordy was a member of the singing group the Clintonnaires and is currently a member of the American Legion in Carson City and also the 40 & 8 group.

Gordy has 2 daughters Jolynn and Janell and 6 grandsons. Please thank Gordy for being our Honorary Lamplighter!

A Little History on Maple Rapids

In 1826 the first white man created a settlement in what would become Clinton County. Campau's Trading Post was started by George Campau. Campau purchased 80 acres in November 1832. Louis his brother purchased the south half of the property in 1835, the village records it's beginning from this date.

William A Hewitt came with his family in 1852 and purchased 240 acres. Construction of a dam and sawmill started and the village was platted. Hewitt also built a store and hotel. In 1867 the village was resurveyed then replatted and recorded. Maple Rapids was incorporated in 1881. The Village has changed many times over the past 175 years.

Maple Rapids is a great place to live and raise a family. Many organizations and groups are within the Village and continue due to the great community work and volunteerism that exists here.

Thanks to everyone who helps to make our Village the best that it can be. Please enjoy the events at this years Lamplighter Festival.

Previous Honorary Lamplighters	
2010—Sonny Howell	2005—Ken Ryan
2009—George Abbott	2004—Beth Dean
2008— Joe Gavenda	2003—Maple Hicks
2007—Lois Lowe	2002—Harriet Scott
2006—Evelyn Underwood	2001—Doris Bird

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Schedule of Events

Saturday, September 23rd

- 7:00-10:00 am **Pancake Breakfast by MR Fire Department** (B-Tennis Courts/Tent)
- 7:15-8:15 am **5K Run/Walk Registration-Pickup Packets** (A-Pavilion in Park)
- 8:30 am **5K Race Start** (A-Park)
- 10 am **Opening Ceremony** (A-Park)
- 10:00 am-4:00 pm **Crafters/Vendors** (A-Near Park)
- No later than 10:30 am **Participants be at Parade Lineup** (C-Wacousta Rd)
- 11:00 am **Parade** (from Wacousta-Main St {east}-Maple Ave {south}-to Union)
- 11:30 am -5:00 pm **Inflatables in the park (12 & under)** (A-Park)
- Noon **Kickball Tournament Starts** (D-Baseball fields)
- Noon **Cornhole Tournament Starts** (E -Near Ball fields)
- Noon-4:00 pm **Jail Event—put your friends or enemies in Jail for a while or pay to get out** (F-West side of Park)
- Noon-6:00 pm **Food Trucks** (Near park on Poplar & Franklin Streets)
- 1:00 pm **Cakes for Cake Contest—Due @ the Pavilion in Park** (A)
- 1:00 pm **Homemade Jam / Salsa for Contest—Due @ the Pavilion in Park** (A)

Saturday, September 23rd (Continued...)

- 1:00-2:00 pm **Kids Sawdust Event (12 & under)** (A-Park)
- 2:00 pm **Judging of Cakes / Homemade Jam / Salsa @ Pavilion in Park** (A)
- 1:00-5:00 pm **Entertainment in the Park** (A-Park)
 - Tim Salisbury—Juggling (1-1:45)
 - Tim Maier—Singing (1:45-2:30)
 - Wyatt Gallagher-Ventriloquist (2:30-3)
 - **3:00 pm-AUCTION OF CAKES / JAM / SALSA IN PARK**
 - Kaylee Gregory—Singing (3:30-4:00)
 - Cody Fry—Singing (4:00-5:00)
- 7:00 pm—1:00 am **Hospitality Tent** (B-Tennis Courts/Tent)
 - * Live Band—Bachelors Since Breakfast
 - * Must be 21 to enter—ID REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE
 - * \$10 Admission
 - * \$5 Drink Tickets
- 8:00 pm—11:00 pm **Teen Dance** (H—Dewey's Trading Post Parking Lot)
 - * In case of rain—will be at the MR Community Center (I)
 - * 11-17 years old
 - * Free Admission
 - * Music and fun activities



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