

Downtown Traverse City Prepares for Annual CherryT Ball Drop

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We are getting ready to celebrate 2020, and one of the biggest parties in the north is in downtown Traverse City.

It's been a tradition for more than ten years, and an estimated 100,000 people have made their way downtown to ring in the New Year.

You may remember last year's [CherryT Ball Drop](https://www.cherryballdrop.org/) had to be canceled due to



the weather.

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Organizers say they are excited to bring it back for another year.

Team Elmer's keeps the cherry at a secret, undisclosed location in preparation for the big night.

They say modifications have been made to the cherry for an even better and brighter New Year's.

"We took all the lights off, and they started all over, rewiring everything up through it. There's going to be some new numbers on the sides of it when it comes down and changes to 2020. And they're not here right now, they kind of keep those secret," said Mark Demoulied with Team Elmer's.

Downtown streets are already marked with no parking cones.

They're asking everyone to clear off the streets by 4 p.m.

The cherry will arrive sometime after 5 p.m. and traffic will be affected for the next several hours as a crane gets the cherry into place.

The gates open at 10 p.m. Tuesday night and they're asking everyone to bring in a \$3 donation to food rescue.

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