

HARBOR SPRINGS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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HARBOR SPRINGS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES 2009 AREA CHILI COOK-OFF AND MANNA FOOD DRIVE

The Harbor Springs Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce its first annual event of 2009, the Harbor Springs Area Chili Cook-off, being held Sunday, February 15, 2009 at Stafford's Pier Restaurant in Harbor Springs.

This annual community event began five years ago and has grown in participation and attendance year after year. The event is open to the public so everyone in the community is welcome to participate or attend.

This year's event is partnering with The Manna Food Project to help keep the shelves of their food pantries full throughout the winter. The Manna Food pantry, along with all the pantries throughout Emmet, Charlevoix, and Antrim counties are seeing tremendous growth in the numbers of families seeking assistance this year. Everyone attending the Harbor Springs Area Chili Cook-Off is encouraged to bring non-perishable items for donation to The Manna Food Project. Food, cleaning supplies, paper products, toiletries, and yes, even pet food is very much appreciated. Cash/check donations will also be accepted which will allow Manna to purchase bulk products to be shared with all the pantries. Kathy Hart, Executive Director of The Manna Food Project, will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the food banking/food pantry system in the Manna service area. Attendees and participants are all encouraged to participate in the food drive.

The 2009 Chili Cook-off is from 2:00-4:00pm on February 15 with admission of \$7 per guest. Stafford's Pier Restaurant is located on the waterfront in downtown Harbor Springs. Complete details of the event can be found on the HSACC website at www.harborspringschamber.com. Registration forms are available online or at the HSACC office on Main Street in Harbor Springs.

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