



Re: Holiday Hayride

October 6, 2016

Dear Chief Spradlin:

The preschool associations of University Park Elementary, Armstrong Elementary, Bradfield Elementary, and Hyer Elementary respectfully request permission to hold Holiday Hayrides as fundraisers for their respective schools. The hayrides will take place on consecutive nights for each elementary December 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. Southern Botanical generously donates the use of and professional drivers of 7 flatbed trailers. The flatbeds provide a safe and easy way for approximately 100 families to see the holiday lights in University Park each evening. The event has taken place for the past several years and is something our members and their families look forward to. Each family's contribution raises approximately \$5,000 for each school.

There are two organizers of each event from the three preschool associations who serve as volunteers. In addition, each flatbed truck has two volunteers from Southern Botanical. However, it is the responsibility of the parents to provide additional support to watch their children prior and during the hayride. Prior to the hayride, families spend approximately an hour at Goar Park enjoying Texadelphia dinners and hot chocolate. In addition, a Santa entertains the children in the Gazebo during that time.

Please see the attached route for our 2016 Holiday Hayride. We are resubmitting it for approval to ensure it meets the council's approval and does not include any streets within the town of Highland Park. This is the same route that was proposed and approved by the City in 2015--no changes to last year's route are requested.

As important as a fundraiser this event has annually proved to be, the preschool associations for University Park Elementary, Armstrong Elementary, Bradfield Elementary and Hyer Elementary ask for City approval to host this annual event to continue a tradition which our families enjoy and on which our schools rely.

Respectfully submitted,

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