



Re: Holiday Hayride

November 28, 2016

Dear Chief Spradlin:

The preschool associations of 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 December 13th and December 15th. Complete Landsculpture generously donated the use of and professional drivers of 7 flatbed trailers. The flatbeds provide a safe and easy way for approximately 120 family members 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 two preschool associations who serve as volunteers. In addition, each flatbed truck has two volunteers from Complete Landsculpture. 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 thirty minutes at the park enjoying hot chocolate.

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 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 on for funding.

Respectfully submitted,

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