



Re: Holiday Hayride

September 6, 2017

Dear Chief Spradlin:

The preschool associations of University Park Elementary respectfully requests permission to hold a Holiday Hayride as a fundraiser for our school. The hayride will take place on December 12 from 5pm to 8 pm. Aquaterra 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 our school.

There are three organizers of each event from the preschool association who serve as volunteers. In addition, each flatbed truck has two volunteers from Aquaterra. 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 2017 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 and 2016--no changes to last year's route are requested.

As important as a fundraiser this event has annually proved to be, the preschool association for University Park Elementary asks 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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