



Hyer Preschool Association

Re: Holiday Hayride 2021

August 26, 2021

Dear Chief Mathes:

The preschool association of Hyer Elementary respectfully requests permission to hold a Holiday Hayride as a fundraiser for our school. The hayride will take place on December 2nd from 5:00- 7:00 pm. Complete Landscaping generously donates the use of and professional drivers of 4 flatbed trailers and one party bus. The flatbeds provide a safe and easy way for approximately 120 people 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 two organizers of each event from the preschool association who serve as volunteers. In addition, each flatbed truck has two volunteers from Complete Landscaping. 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 dinner, hot chocolate and photos with Santa.

Please see the attached route for our 2021 Holiday Hayride. We are submitting 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, 2016, 2017 and 2019. We did not hold this event in 2020 due to COVID-19. However, no changes to the route are requested.

As important as a fundraiser this event has annually proved to be, the preschool association for Hyer 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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