



Re: 2021 Holiday Hayride

August 26, 2021

Dear Chief Mathes:

The University Park Elementary Preschool Association respectfully requests permission to hold a Holiday Hayride as a fundraiser for our school. The event will take place on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Complete Landsculpture generously donates the use of and professional drivers of four flatbed trailers. The flatbeds provide a safe and easy way for approximately 100 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. The family contributions raise approximately \$5,000 for our school.

Two organizers of the event, along with four board members from the preschool association 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 to and during the hayride. From 5:00- 6:00, families spend approximately one hour at Goar Park enjoying boxed dinners and hot chocolate. In addition, a Santa entertains the children in the Gazebo during that time. At 6:00, the trailers will depart for a one hour Holiday light tour.

Please see the attached proposed route for our 2021 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 it is our understanding that we followed this same path every year since then. We did not hold this event in 2020 due to COVID-19. No changes to the 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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