

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURES FOR HOPE RUN

BACKGROUND:

Mary Greeley Medical Center (MGMC) is sponsoring the Eleventh Annual Hope Run for Hospice on Saturday, June 11, 2011, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Due to conflicts in the Downtown area, organizers have decided to move the route to west Ames. This new route will start at Ames Middle School; head east on Mortensen Road to State Avenue; north on State to Lettie Street; west on Lettie to South Wilmoth Avenue; south on South Wilmoth to Tripp Street; west on Tripp to Beedle Drive; north on Beedle to Lincoln Swing; west on Lincoln Swing to Abraham Drive; south on Abraham to the shared use path behind the Israel Family Hospice House; and continue on the shared use path to the Middle School for the 5k finish. The 10k runners will head east toward State Avenue on a shared use path that connects at the Ames Middle School track (see attached map). They will then head north on State and complete the northern portion of the route a second time, ending in the Middle School parking lot.

In order to facilitate the movement of the participants in the Run/Walk, temporary street closures will be needed from on June 11, as follows:

- The westbound lane of Mortensen Road, from the east Middle School drive to State Avenue, from 5:30 a.m. to approximately 8:30 a.m.
- State Avenue, from Mortensen Road to Lettie Street, from 5:30 a.m. to approximately 10:00 a.m.

and the following streets from 7:00 a.m. to approximately 10:00 a.m.:

- Lettie Street, from State Avenue to S Wilmoth Avenue
- S Wilmoth Avenue, from Lettie Street to Tripp Street
- Tripp Street, from S Wilmoth Avenue to Beedle Drive
- Beedle Drive, from Aplin Road to Lincoln Swing
- Lincoln Swing, from Beedle Drive to Abraham Drive
- Abraham Drive, from Lincoln Swing to the shared use path

Public Works Traffic Division will provide barricades and traffic cones to facilitate the road closures, and volunteers recruited by Mary Greeley will staff them.

A waiver of the Road Race fee of \$25 has also been requested by the event organizers. Mary Greeley Medical Center operates as a non-profit entity.

Event organizers will notify businesses and residents affected by the closure (see attached letter).

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can approve the various road closures and waiver of Road Race fee, as requested by Mary Greeley Medical Center.
2. The City Council can deny the requests from Mary Greeley Medical Center and direct staff to work with organizers to find an alternative location for the event.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Mary Greeley Medical Center's Hope Run for Hospice is a worthwhile event for the Ames community. City Council approval is necessary in order for this event to occur. Since this event benefits the Israel Family Hospice House, it is hoped that this new route will be a location for years to come.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the requests for the Hope Run/Walk to be held on June 11, 2011.

Dear Ames Neighborhood Resident,

On **Saturday, June 11, 2011**, Mary Greeley Medical Center will host the **11th Annual Hope Run for Hospice**. We are excited to announce a new route this year that will take our participants through your neighborhood on the morning of June 11. Approximately 500 participants will run/walk in our 10K, 5K and 1-mile races beginning at **8:00 a.m.** at **Ames Middle School** and take the following route:



Intersections along the race route will be barricaded and staffed by volunteers to help protect participants and keep the race route clear of traffic. We appreciate your understanding as accommodations are made for the safety of our runners.

Please be prepared to take alternate routes between the hours of 5:30 – 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 11 as the following roads will be temporarily closed:

- Mortensen Road westbound, from the east Middle School drive to State Avenue (5:30-8:30 a.m.)
- State Avenue, from Mortensen Road to Lettie Street (5:30-10:00 a.m.)
- Lettie Street, from State Avenue to S Wilmoth Avenue (7:00-10:00 a.m.)
- S Wilmoth Avenue, from Lettie Street to Tripp Street (7:00-10:00 a.m.)
- Tripp Street, from S Wilmoth Avenue to Beedle Drive (7:00-10:00 a.m.)
- Beedle Drive, from Aplin Road to Lincoln Swing (7:00-10:00 a.m.)
- Lincoln Swing, from Beedle Drive to Abraham Drive (7:00-10:00 a.m.)

We also ask that you please not park along the route beginning the evening of June 10 and watch out for runners and walkers as you drive in the area on Saturday morning.

If you have any questions, or would like to participate in the Hope Run for Hospice, please call External Relations at 515-239-2147 or visit our website at www.mgmc.org. All funds raised will benefit the Israel Family Hospice House.

Thank for your understanding and support of the Israel Family Hospice House!

Israel Family Hospice House

Mary Greeley Medical Center's Hope Run for Hospice benefits the Israel Family Hospice House, which supports people in their final days of life. Compassionate staff and volunteers are committed to providing an environment of comfort and dignity for patients and their families. Participation in the event supports these efforts and provides hope to all those in need.