

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: REQUESTS FOR HOPE RUN ON JUNE 16, 2012

BACKGROUND:

Mary Greeley Medical Center (MGMC) is sponsoring the annual Hope Run for Hospice on Saturday June 16, 2012, beginning at 8:00 AM. The event includes 5K, 10K, and 1-mile running events, and a Hope Run Jr. event. The route will affect portions of Mortensen Road, State Avenue, Lettie Street, Wilmoth Avenue, Tripp Street, Dotson Drive, Baughman Road, Beedle Drive, Lincoln Swing, and Abraham Drive.

In order to facilitate the movement of participants, temporary street closures are needed on June 16, 2012, as follows:

- Mortensen Road between Seagrave Blvd. and State Avenue from approximately 7:45 AM until approximately 8:15 AM.
- State Avenue between Mortensen Road and Arbor Street from approximately 7:45 AM until approximately 10:00 AM.

The roads will reopen as soon as the last participants are safely though. The longer closure is required on State Avenue because the second lap of the 10K run will go down State Ave., but not Mortensen Road. Public Works will provide barricades and cones as required to facilitate the traffic closures and Mary Greeley will provide volunteers to staff them.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the road closures as requested by Mary Greeley Medical Center
2. Do not approve the requested road closures.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This annual event enjoys strong support from the community and Council approval of these closures is necessary for this event to occur as planned.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the road closure requests for Hope Run for Hospice on June 16, 2012.



April 19, 2012

Dear Ames City Council Members:

“Life is all about how you run the race.”

I heard those powerful words at last year’s Hope Run for Hospice from a woman who had just started receiving hospice care. Pushed in a wheelchair and surrounded by family and friends, she crossed the race finish line that day and was an inspiration to many, sharing that a positive attitude makes all the difference.

This year’s Hope Run for Hospice is scheduled for Saturday, June 16, at the Ames Middle School. In 2011 we had nearly 500 participants and 125 volunteers, raising more than \$31,000 in funds and in-kind support for the Israel Family Hospice House. Our race route – which was newly-introduced last year – has already become a local favorite, and with your support 2012 is sure to be even more successful.

On behalf of the Hope Run for Hospice planning committee and Mary Greeley Medical Center, I **respectfully request your approval for the following street closures on Saturday, June 16, 2012:**

- Mortensen Road, from the east Middle School drive to State Avenue (7:45-8:15 a.m.)
- State Avenue, from Mortensen Road to Lettie Street (7:45-10:00 a.m.)

We will also be temporarily closing the following streets to facilitate our race:

- 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.)

Again, **thank you for your continued support of the Hope Run for Hospice.** Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at 515-239-2158 or hammesdodge@mgmc.com.

Sincerely,

Andrea Hammes Dodge
Development Coordinator

P.S. I hope to see you on Saturday, June 16 for this year’s Hope Run for Hospice – runners and walkers of all abilities are encouraged to participate! Please visit www.mgmc.org/hoperun for more information.