

ITEM # 25
DATE: 05-27-14

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION REQUEST FOR “CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT’S RUN FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS”

BACKGROUND:

Captain Midnight’s Run for Cystic Fibrosis 5k run/walk is an event that has taken place for the last seven years in north Ames. This year, the event will take place on Friday, August 29. Proceeds raised from the event benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The race begins at North Grand Mall, heads west on 30th Street to Hoover Avenue, north on Hoover to Top-O-Hollow Road, and down Dawes Drive. The route returns up Hoover and concludes at the mall off of 30th Street. A map and letter from the organizers is attached.

The race is in its eighth year and has increased in size with each year. After last year’s event, the Police Department recommended that a portion of Bloomington Road be closed in subsequent years to help ensure safety of the participants and volunteers. Event organizers are asking for the closure of Bloomington westbound, from Roy Key Avenue to Hoover Avenue, and Bloomington eastbound, from Hoover Avenue to Roy Key Avenue. Closure of a small portion of Roy Key Avenue from Bloomington to Top-O-Hollow would also be necessary to prevent motorists from detouring onto Top-O-Hollow, where participants will be running. The closures are expected to last from approximately 7:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

City staff has met with race organizers to discuss plans for the event. The Public Works Department will provide safety vests, cones, and No Parking signs, as has been done in previous years. The Police Department has assisted with this event in the past, and at least one off-duty officer will be present to volunteer at the intersection of Bloomington and Hoover. The Police Department is requiring organizers to hire one Community Safety Officer for the closure at Bloomington and Roy Key.

CyRide has been contacted about the potential closure, and organizers will work with CyRide staff to ensure that the buses are not delayed.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council may approve the road closures for Captain Midnight’s Run for Cystic Fibrosis as submitted by the event organizers.
2. The City Council may deny these requests.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This is a successful and well-managed event that provides our citizens with another opportunity to enjoy family-oriented outdoor activities.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the requests as submitted by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.



Ames City Council

May 20, 2014

Dear City Council:

I am writing to formally request road closures for the 8th annual Captain Midnight's Run for Cystic Fibrosis. Our race has grown substantially over our first seven years to a point where we need new help in order to keep traffic along our route moving and our runners safe. This year's race is Friday night, August 29.

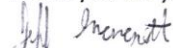
Attached you will find two maps of our route. One is the promotional map we show to runners and the neighborhoods affected. The second shows the lane closures and traffic assistance we provide. For the past seven years we have closed down the north lane on 30th from Roy Key to Hoover and the parking lane on the east side of Hoover from 30th to Top-o-Hollow. This year we are requesting:

- Closure of Bloomington westbound from Roy Key to Hoover.
- Closure of Roy Key northbound to Top-o-Hollow
- Closure of Bloomington Eastbound from Hoover to Roy Key.

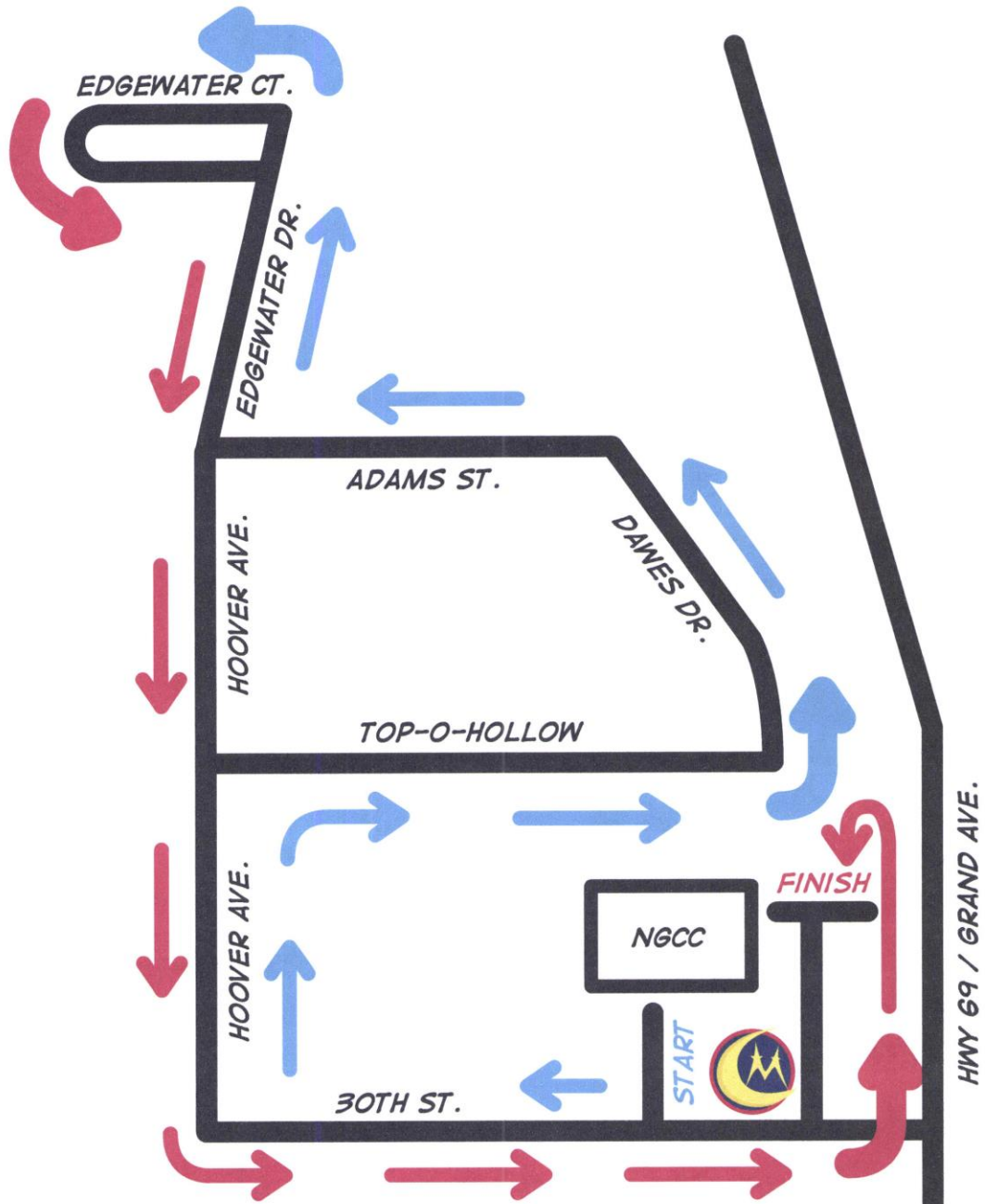
These closures would be from 7:00-7:40

As in the past, we will have police presence to ensure things go as smoothly as possible. We are also working with CyRide to work out any issues. Please let me know if there is any further information I can provide.

Thank you for your time.


Sincerely,

Jeff Margrett
Race Director
515-708-5186



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NORTH GRAND MALL
IN THE PARKING LOT
NW OF JCPENNEY'S.**

