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Subject: ISU Football tailgating in Sturt Smith Park

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Jeff Bryant, I live on the dead end on S Riverside Dr immediately adjacent to the flood buy out area/Stuart Smith Park. I am writing on behalf of my neighbors and myself. As neighbors we are very accustomed to ISU Football weekends in our neighborhood. Generally speaking, it really goes very well and we consider the heightened activity as just part of living where we do. The City has always been receptive and helpful if we have any concerns.

That being said, last year we have witnessed a small amount of RV and old school bus parking on our street for the purpose of hosting tailgating events in our adjacent park area. We have 2 main issues concerning this activity:

- 1) The owners of the RV and bus start parking on our street the week prior to game day to be assured a parking spot. Additionally sometimes it takes a day or so for the vehicles to go away after the game and it is difficult for them to turn around on our dead end street. They periodically visit here to move their vehicles to comply with street parking rules.
- 2) Their tailgating parties in the park are respectful. However, Stuart Smith Park has a non-alcohol policy and there are no restroom facilities. One group attracts 50 to 60 people or more. We witness alcohol consumption and the tree line of loway Creek being used as a substitute for restrooms.

ISU has designated RV and bus areas available for tailgating along with the Randal property private parking. We feel this is where this activity should be taking place. We don't want to see our street/park area becoming more and more popular for this type of tailgating, once the word gets out there is free tailgating spots on our street and park. Also the parking activity taking place ahead of and after game day is disruptive to our quiet street.

We realize game day activity is very hard to regulate. We would appreciate your comments on this issue and if you have any insight as to a solution. I did have a conversation with Joshua Thompson from Parks and Rec concerning this and he suggested I email Council and our neighborhood representative. I have included them in this email as well as Keith Abraham.

Thank you
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