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November 9, 2011

Dear City Council Members;

My name is Laura Thomas, I am the Communications Director for the Downtown Rochelle Association.

We are currently organizing and planning events for our annual Christmas Walk event. We are very excited to be able to utilize the first Friday and Saturday in December for various family activities this year. (December 2nd & 3rd) We would appreciate your cooperation in our requests:

On Friday, December 2nd, it has been requested of us to put up cones to block off the parking spaces just on the 500 and 400 blocks of Lincoln Highway so that the community viewers do not have to stand between parked cars and cause safety issues as we found to occur during last year's parade. Also, to then keep the 400 Block only blocked off after the Lighted Parade, for the safety of the community participants, shoppers and families to freely visit the shops downtown.

We would also like know if we could have the 400 block and part of the 300 block barricaded on Lincoln Highway (to the RMU parking lot) from about 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm for Bed Races. We will need a "staging area" from the Flagg Township Museum to RMU on 4th Avenue for the racers to prepare for the races. On Saturday, we would like to able to put up the cones to block cars from parking on Lincoln Highway, in the 400 block, just during the prep time races, for safety reasons.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Laura Thomas  
Communications Director  
Downtown Rochelle Association