

Monday, December 07, 2015

City of Rochelle
Attn: City Manager
420 N 6th Street
Rochelle, IL 61068

To the Rochelle City Manager and Rochelle City Council,

This fall we established a group of individuals with Irish roots that would like to celebrate the Irish American Month of March. The group has formed a committee which would like to hold a parade/event in Rochelle on Saturday, March 12th, 2016. This event would be held after The Rochelle Area Chamber of Commerce's Lucky Hub Dash 5k. The celebration would be called "Irish Hoolie 2016" and is a family friendly event held downtown from 1pm-5pm, with the parade at 2pm. The term "Hoolie" refers to a get together or party.

The committee would like to respectfully request the closure of the following streets and parking lot on Saturday, March 12th.

- City Parking Lot #8 near the gazebo
- The parade route would start at Lincoln Hwy and 6th Ave travel to Cherry Ave, turn and proceed to Main St. The parade would end on Main St by parking lot #8.
- Parade line-up would require additional closure on 6th Street from 5th Ave to 6th Ave.

The committee is in the preliminary stages of planning and would need approval to continue the event planning. The community celebration would include those with Irish roots and those that are "Irish for the Day". The family friendly event is free to the public.

We appreciate your consideration and are extremely excited about the opportunity to host the event downtown.

Sincerely,

Irish Hoolie Planning Committee
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