



July 28, 2016

City of Rochelle  
420 North Sixth Street  
Rochelle, IL 61068

To Rochelle City Council and City Manager,

The Hay Day Planning Committee is seeking council approval to hold the first annual Hay Day event in Downtown Rochelle on October 15th from 10:00am to 6:00pm. Our goal is to hold a family-friendly, fall event for our community and visitors alike to enjoy.

The family-friendly, fall event will feature hay rides, a petting zoo, giant inflatables, pumpkin crafts and more. In addition, local artist Fran Volz has created a 20 foot replica of the Statue of Liberty with various types of hay and straw which will be on display. Kids will also have the opportunity to touch-a-truck with police, fire and utility vehicles on display.

We will have plenty of good food available with the Rochelle Fire Department serving their festival-famous pork chop sandwiches and the Masonic Temple cooking brats.

The Hay Day Planning Committee respectfully requests the closure of the following streets and parking lots on October 15th:

- Lincoln Highway from Cherry Avenue north to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue (5<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be open for traffic)
- Fourth Avenue from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to Main Street
- City Parking Lot #8 between 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue
- City Parking Lot #6 next to Rochelle Municipal Utilities

We are excited about the opportunity to host this family-friendly event in the downtown and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Hay Day Planning Committee

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