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November 6, 2013

Dear City Council Members;

The Downtown Rochelle Association is currently organizing and planning events for our annual Christmas Walk event with several other organizations. We are very excited to be able to utilize the first Friday evening in December for various family activities this year.

Our request is to have the 2 main blocks of Lincoln Highway blocked off for our Bed Races and Horse-drawn wagon rides we will be providing for free to the community in coordination with the City. The street closing, would allow families to wander the street without the concern of cars, and possibly even allowing for some "Wandering Minstrals/Singers" we were going to have to mingle with the people downtown and also a Scavanger Hunt. We are tying our event with the City Tree Lighting and other community events: Santa at the Museum, an event at the Library and hopefully the Masonic Temple's Chili Dinner, The Lighted Christmas Parade. (John Bearrows would have to be contacted regarding the route he needs blocked off and other security needs he may require)

Please let us know if we could have those 2 blocks blocked off from 5th Avenue to RMU parking lot or just beyond, but not to interfere with Washington Street. for the evening of December 6th, from 4:45 until about 7:30pm?? The Complete closing of the 400 Block of Lincoln Highway would be for the entire time, The Bed Races are from 5:15 until the start of the Parade—Coordinated by John Bearrows and the route of the Horse-drawn wagon is yet to be determined by the Christmas Walk Committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Laura Thomas & Naomi Baldwin  
Communications Director/ Events Coordinator  
Downtown Rochelle Association

