



Tuesday, December 06, 2016

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

To the Rochelle City Manager and Rochelle City Council,

In 2015 we established a group of individuals with Irish roots that would like to celebrate the Irish American Month of March. The group would like to hold a parade/event in Rochelle on Saturday, March 11th, 2017. The celebration would be called "Irish Hooley 2017" and is a family friendly event held downtown from 2pm-5pm, with the parade at 2pm. The term "Hooley" refers to a get together or party. The theme in 2017 is "Paint the town Green".

The committee would like to respectfully request the closure of the following streets and parking lot on Saturday, March 11th.

- 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 again in 2017.

Sincerely,

Yours Sincerely,

Lucky's St. Paddy's Day Parade & Irish Hooley Committee
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