



Monday, December 11, 2017

City of Rochelle  
Attn: City Manager  
420 N 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rochelle, IL 61068

To the Rochelle City Manager and Rochelle City Council,

We are "Shamrockin' Our Way to St. Paddy's Day"!

In 2016 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This yearly event is scheduled for the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day. The celebration would be called "Irish Hooley 2018" and is a family friendly event held downtown from 12pm-4pm, with the parade at 2pm. The term "Hooley" 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 10<sup>th</sup>.

- City Parking Lot #8 near the gazebo
- The parade route would start at Lincoln Hwy and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave travel to Cherry Ave, turn and proceed to Main St. The parade would end on Main St by parking lot #8. This would include street closure of Main St from 4<sup>th</sup> Ave to 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Parade line-up would require additional closure on 6<sup>th</sup> Street from 5<sup>th</sup> Ave to 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Additional street closures may be requested at a later date, if needed due to amount of parade participants.

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 Hooley Planning Committee  
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Deana Bingham  
Jackie Ramsey  
Tiffany O'Brien  
Jodi Hart