



July 12, 2018

City of Rochelle
420 North Sixth Street
Rochelle, IL 61068

To Rochelle City Council and City Manager,

The Wine on Lincoln Planning Committee is seeking council approval to hold the fifth annual "Wine on Lincoln" event this fall. Our goal is to hold an upscale event to introduce the greater Rochelle community to Illinois Wineries while attracting visitors to our community. We plan to feature wine, chocolates, local food vendors and music in downtown Rochelle on Saturday, September 22nd from 5:00-9:00 pm.

Hopewell Winery from Rockport has confirmed their participation in the event. Several other wineries have expressed interest, but have not committed as of this request. Participating wineries will apply for a One-Day Liquor License from the City and a Special Event Retailer's License from the Illinois Liquor Commission. Wristbands will be issued to everyone over 21 attending the event. The wineries will provide complimentary tastings. In addition, they will sell wine by the glass and bottle for consumption at the event and by the case for off-site consumption.

Aldo's Pizzeria and Italian Ristorante will once again have the opportunity to participate in the event. Several other local food vendors will be participating. The Rack, Salt 251 and Abe's Bar & Grill have confirmed their participation.

Colonial Flowers will showcase its fresh, classic chocolates. The assorted chocolates will be available for purchase individually as a dessert or in upscale packaging for gift giving.

This year, staff will provide décor for the event. Free items have been acquired to decorate the event to minimize the overall expenses.

The Wine on Lincoln Planning Committee respectfully requests the closure of the following street on September 22nd:

- Lincoln Highway from Cherry Avenue north to 5th Avenue (5th Avenue will be open for traffic)

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

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Sincerely,

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