



August 17, 2018

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 3rd Annual Hay Day event in Downtown Rochelle on Saturday, October 13th from 11:00am to 5:00pm. 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 a climbing wall, petting zoo, giant inflatables, pumpkin crafts, and more. Kids will also have the opportunity to touch a tractor from Johnson Tractors.

In addition, local artist Bill Schemerhorn is creating a replica of the Liberty Bell with various types of hay and straw which will be on display. Once again this year, local artist will be invited to create a piece to enter in our straw sculpting competition. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$250.

Another fun part, those round bales will start showing up all over the community for families to find and enjoy. A map will be available with exact locations to view the creations.

We will have plenty of good food available from local vendors. Music will be provided by the Templeton's family band. Many local merchants will be in front of their store as well.

The Hay Day Planning Committee respectfully requests the closure of the following streets and parking lots on October 13th:

- Lincoln Highway from Cherry Avenue north to 5th Avenue (5th Avenue will be open for traffic)
- Fourth Avenue from 6th 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,

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