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Mifflin Street Event 2012 Parent / Guardian Information Letter

EVENT: In meetings with UW students, area landlords, area residents and City Staff, the following benchmarks have been discussed in defining whether or not this event can be successful. They include,

- A reduction in the size and scope of the event
- A safe and orderly event
- Compliance with all ordinances
- Minimal number of arrests

No person or organization has stepped forward to sponsor the event this year. Therefore there is no street use permit or a scheduled closing of the street. The streets will remain open for traffic. People attending the event should stay out of the road way and obey all pedestrian laws.

As with any event in the City, the expectation is that people attending the event will act responsibly and voluntarily comply with all City Ordinances. To ensure a safe and orderly event, a considerable contingent of law enforcement will be on hand during this weekend.

CITY CONCERNS: We know that many of the following activities will occur in private residences or on private property:

- Illegal alcohol sales or dispensing alcohol without a permit.
- Providing alcohol to underage persons.
- Allowing underage persons to consume alcohol on premise.
- Violations of fire codes related to overcrowding inside apartments and overloading of balconies.
- Overconsumption of alcohol.
- Improper depositing of human waste.
- Consuming alcohol on private property without the permission.
- Throwing of objects into crowds or at police officers from balconies.
- Unreasonable noise, to include bands or other amplified music.

We also know that serious incidents have occurred at this event in the past, to include:

- Sexual Assaults
- Stabbings
- Substantial Batteries
- Porch Collapses
- Damage to Property
- Theft of Property
- Injuries and assaults to Police Officers and Fire Personnel

We believe it is common knowledge the above incidents or activities will occur, or have a significant likelihood to occur and no stakeholders can reasonably deny having knowledge of the conditions described above. It is with this understanding that the Madison Police Department is obligated to educate property owners, landlords, management, residents, potential visitors and parents/guardians about the perils associated with this event and about our proactive enforcement of local ordinances and state laws.

The City of Madison does not believe this is an appropriate environment for High School age students.

Our officers will be thoroughly investigating incidents that occur both on the street and on private property. Many of these investigations will result in arrests or formal complaints to the City Attorney for additional prosecution consideration. The Madison Police Department will take full advantage of all available city ordinances in addressing unsafe conditions.

EVENT DAY INFORMATION

PARTIES: If you are considering attending a party in the Mifflin Street area, the City is recommending the following guidelines to allow for a safe and orderly event.

- Visitors must know the host of the private party they are attending.
- Visitors found to be on private property without consent **will** be arrested for Trespassing. **(Fine - \$429)**
- Capacity of apartments, balconies and yards will be monitored by City staff for overcrowding.
- Comply with all City Ordinances related to alcohol.

The Madison Fire Department would also like to remind you that houses, porches and balconies should not be overcrowded or overloaded. When police or fire department personnel observe dangerous overcrowding, the party will be dispersed and you may be subject to enforcement actions.

ALCOHOL: All City of Madison Ordinances are in effect and will be enforced during this event. The Madison Police Department does not condone violations of alcohol ordinances, violent or disruptive behavior. Common violations at this event include (but are not limited to):

- **Underage Drinking (Fine - \$177)** – If you look under 21 and have alcohol, you will be asked to provide proof of age.
- **Drinking on Private Property (Fine - \$303)** – Only persons with express permission from the owner or tenants may drink alcohol on any private property in the City of Madison.
- **Glass Ban in Mifflin Area (Fine - \$303)** – No glass containers of any kind.
- **Dispensing Alcohol w/out a Permit (Fine - \$681)** – You and your friends who are 21 or older can buy alcohol together and drink alcohol together, but you cannot resemble a bar. Any exchange of money for alcohol constitutes dispensing alcohol.
- **Open Intoxicants on Public Street (Fine - \$303)** – the ‘Public Street’ extends from the outside edge of the sidewalk, across the street to the far outside edge of the opposite sidewalk. No open alcohol is allowed in this area. Do not expect warnings even for perceived ‘minor’ transgressions of this ordinance.
- **Depositing Human Waste (Fine - \$177)**
- **Disorderly Conduct (Fine - \$429)**

MUSIC: Any music you provide is for the enjoyment of those in apartments or on private property. If you provide any amplified music that emanates beyond the boundaries of private property you may receive a Noise Citation. You are responsible for monitoring the noise level. Police will **not** be providing “sound checks” to determine if you are in compliance or not. You may receive a noise citation with no warning or third-party complaint. **(Fine - \$177)**

GLASS: We will once again be enforcing a glass ban during the Mifflin St Block Party. This ban is meant to help keep residents, guests, visitors, police and fire personnel safe during the event. Any person carrying any glass bottle or receptacle will be issued a city ordinance citation. **(Fine - \$303)**

PARKING: Parking will be restricted in the 400, 500 and 600 blocks of W Mifflin St and the 400 and 500 blocks of W Washington Ave. Check the temporary parking restriction signage carefully as violations will typically result in the vehicle being towed out of the area. Parking restrictions typically begin at 8:00 a.m. and any vehicles in violation after 10:00 a.m. risk being towed at the owner’s expense.

VENDING: Every year Madison Police confiscate hundreds of dollars worth of merchandise from vendors without the proper permits. If you wish inquire about selling any items in the City of Madison you must first obtain a vending permit.

Additional information is available at: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/business/streetvending/>

PORTA POTTIES: The city will be providing porta potties in the 600 block of Mifflin. Cap center foods will again this year provide porta potties and place them in their parking lot (400 W Mifflin).

ARREST PROCESSING: In the event someone is arrested for an ordinance violation or a crime, they will be escorted to a processing cite for conveyance to an arrest processing center.

At the arrest processing center, Adults (17 years old and above) will be identified, photographed and then a determination will be made whether they will be ticketed and released or taken to jail.

Juveniles (16 years old and younger) will be held at the City County Building while staff attempts to contact a parent/guardian. If this is unsuccessful, juveniles will be placed at the Dane County Juvenile Reception Center.

Persons who commit a crime, who can't be identified or who can't post bond will be taken to the Dane County Jail.

All arrest information during this event will be shared with the College, University or the High School of the arrested persons.

Please direct questions or concerns to:

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