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Mifflin Street Block Party 2012

PARTIES: If you are going to host a party you must know everyone you are bringing into your home. The Mifflin Street Block Party can be a time to relax and enjoy the company of your neighbors and friends. However, this event has become very well known and criminals use this time to prey on the good nature of hosts. Some people will see your party as their best way to get cheap alcohol. Others see it as an opportunity to commit more serious crimes such as theft, burglary, and sexual assault. Protect yourself and your friends by only letting people you know into your home. The Madison Fire Department would also like to remind you that houses, porches and balconies should not be overcrowded or overloaded. To maintain a safe environment, occupants must be able to move freely through the house. If police or fire department personnel observe dangerous overcrowding, the party will be dispersed and you may be subject to enforcement actions.

ALCOHOL: Those persons who are of legal drinking age are able to drink on private property they have express permission to be on. However, the Madison Police Department does not condone underage drinking, violent or disruptive behavior. We **will** be issuing citations for all violations including (but not limited to):

- Underage drinking – If you look under 21 and have alcohol, you will be asked to provide proof of age.
- Drinking on Private Property – Only persons with express permission from the owner or tenants may drink alcohol on any private property in the City of Madison.
- Procuring alcohol – If you provide alcohol to someone who is not yet 21, you will be cited. This includes the underage people who walk into your open home and help themselves to alcohol. You are responsible for controlling who comes into your home and any alcohol you have in your residence.
- Dispensing – 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 – 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.

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.

MUSIC: Any music you provide is for the enjoyment of those in your residence or on your property. If you provide any amplified music that emanates beyond the boundaries of your 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.

TRASH: The Mifflin St Block Party routinely generates tremendous amounts of trash on public and private property! Please keep the trash on your property to a minimum and encourage your guests to pick up after themselves. ALL GLASS containers will be banned on public property for that day, even if it is not alcohol. Please avoid providing your guests any glass containers. If you have glass on the street, sidewalk, or terrace, you will be cited.

OTHER REMINDERS: Parking will be restricted in the 400 and 500 blocks of Mifflin St on the day of the event. The parking restrictions will be clearly posted and fully enforced.

The Madison Police Dept. along with the Fire Dept., Building Inspection, Streets Dept. and the City Council want you to have a fun and safe event. Please contact the Madison Police Central Community Policing Team at 266-4248 if you have any questions or concerns.