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Mifflin Street Event 2012 Resident 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 event will act responsibly and voluntarily comply with all City Ordinances.

PARTIES: If you are considering hosting a party, the City is recommending the following guidelines to allow for a safe and orderly event.

- Residents must know everyone you are bringing into your apartment.
- Capacity of apartments, balconies and yards will be monitored by City staff for overcrowding.
- Comply with all City Ordinances related to alcohol.

The Mifflin Street Event 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.

MUSIC: Any music you provide is for the enjoyment of those in your apartment 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.

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.

TRASH: The Mifflin Street Event 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.

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** – If you look under 21 and have alcohol, you will be asked to provide proof of age. **(\$177 for First Offense)**
- **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. **(\$303 forfeiture)**
- **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. **(\$366 forfeiture)**
- **Dispensing Alcohol** – 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. **(\$681 forfeiture)**
- **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. **(\$303 forfeiture)**
- **Depositing Human Waste** – Urinating outside will result in arrest. **(\$177 forfeiture)**

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.

Additionally, we highly recommend residents do not park their vehicles in the back parking lots of their residences. Each year numerous vehicles are damaged during the event. The Overture Center Garage offers, as do all City of Madison parking garages/ramps, a \$5 max weekend rate. More information on downtown parking can be found at: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/parkingUtility/>

PARTY CONTRACT: The goal of this initiative is to provide residents of Mifflin St an opportunity to host a legal gathering in their residence while providing assistance from the Madison PD if non-invited guests attempt to join their event.

Residents Agree To:

- Control their party and access to balconies.
- Have all guests in attendance be of legal drinking age, if consuming alcohol.
- Control the number of persons at the event, typically to fewer than 50 guests.
- Control any noise emanating from their property.
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Madison Police Agree To:

- Respond to residents upon request to remove/cite unwanted persons.
- Provide signs to deter non-invited persons from entering the residence.

If you are interested in entering into this contract with the Madison PD, or if you have any questions, please contact: Lt Dave McCaw at (608) 266-4482 or DMcCaw@cityofmadison.com

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/>

OTHER REMINDERS:

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. If you have any questions or concerns contact the Madison Police Central Community Policing Team at (608) 266-4248 or afiore@cityofmadison.com.