

Memo

To: Mayor JB Lawrence & Town Council
CC: Ed Evans
From: Parks & Recreation Director Jennifer Brown
Date: February 7, 2017
Re: Hunter's Heroes Memorial Run – May 19, 2018, May 18, 2019, May 16, 2020

Attached please find a request from the Hunter's Heroes Memorial Race Committee to hold their 6th, 7th, & 8th annual 5k/10 mile run on Saturday, May 19, 2018, May 18, 2019, & May 16, 2020. The 5k/10 mile run will begin at 8:30 am at the Watauga County Sherriff's Department in Boone. The 5k will end at the Boone Police Department and the 10 mile will end at the Blowing Rock Police Department. There will be water stations at Appalachian State Police Department and several along Highway 321. Afterwards there will be activities in Memorial Park for participants, their families, and other supporters.

The committee is working with Parks & Recreation on the details of the race and events in Memorial Park and will coordinate with the other necessary departments.

There is also a memo from the Blowing Rock Police Department regarding the possible one lane closure of Main Street.

To:
Town Manager
Blowing Rock Town Council

February 7th, 2017

Greetings,

In 2013 we conducted our first memorial run in honor of Deputy William Mast Jr. Our committee would like to continue to conduct a race throughout the county. Our committee is made up of the following members: Carol Jean Cook, Paige Mast, Annie Knapp, Jamie Aldridge, and I; Emily Greer. We propose that the race take place for the following three years; Saturday, May 19, 2018; Saturday, May 18, 2019; Saturday, May 16, 2020. We understand that this year the park is already taken by Art in the Park and we have adjusted our route to end in a different location this year. We want to confirm our dates for the years 2018-2020 with Blowing Rock so we have a set place for the end of our race. The race will begin at 8:30am and end in Blowing Rock by 12:00pm at the latest each year. The race would span from the Watauga County Sherriff's Office to Blowing Rock Police Department. The race would end with a celebration in the Blowing Rock Park. Our celebration for the end of the race will be for the runners and their friends and family. We will also leave this event open to the community and open to the public. We propose having a small band playing in the park and we would also like to provide lunch as an option and as another chance to raise more money for the family. We are asking restaurants to kindly donate catering/meals to the event. We will take full responsibility in cleaning up the event and restoring the park to its usual condition. The race is ten miles total, beginning in Boone, and we will have vans to shuttle runners if they need a break and back to the start line from Blowing Rock. We have support from each of the law enforcement agencies in the county including; Watauga County Sheriff's Office, Appalachian State University Police Department, Boone Police Department, and Blowing Rock Police Department. We also have submitted our yearly proposal to the NCDOT. We need cooperation from each office in order to have Department of Transportation help us with street closings. Please consider this opportunity to help bring the community together and thank you for your time and support. Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information on the event. We are prepared to present at the next Town Council Meeting if allowed.

Thank you.

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Hunter's Heroes

This letter is to show support for the annual Hunter's Heroes run taking place on May 21, 2016 beginning at Watauga County Sheriff's Office and ending at the Blowing Rock Police Department. We have supported this race for the past three years and look forward to participating and supporting it again this year.

Staff has developed a traffic control plan which includes closing the south bound lane of North Main Street from the intersection of Valley Boulevard to Yonahlossee Road. This closure is necessary to ensure the safety of runners along the curvy section of road. South bound traffic will be diverted to Sunset Drive. North bound traffic will not be affected. Additional staffing will be utilized to control intersections along the route.

We expect runners to arrive in Blowing Rock at approximately 9:30am. Closures are expected to last no longer than 2 hours.

We are willing to do what it takes to make it a success for the participants and the recipients of this great cause.

Tony Jones

Chief of Police
Blowing Rock NC