

Memo

To: Mayor JB Lawrence & Town Council
CC: Ed Evans
From: Parks & Recreation Director Jennifer Brown
Date: February 2, 2017
Re: High Country Walk for Breast Cancer Research

Attached please find a request from Irene Sawyer, to hold the first annual High Country Walk for Breast Cancer 5K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, October 28, 2017. It would begin at 9:00 am in front of the American Legion and continue on to Laurel Lane to Wonderland Trail, down Meadow Lane, back on to Wonderland Trail and then return to the finish back at the American Legion.

Ms. Sawyer will coordinate activities with Parks & Recreation, Blowing Rock Fire & Rescue, and the Blowing Rock Police Department. A copy of their certificate of insurance will be provided prior to the event.

A map of the 5k Fun Run/Walk Course is attached as well for your information.



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SUBJECT: First Annual High Country Walk for Breast Cancer Research

Dear Jennifer,

Thank you so much for spending time with me last week discussing my dream of a breast cancer walk in the High Country. My employer, Scott MacIntosh, of Blowing Rock Investment Properties, and I, with your help and guidance, would like to sponsor the First Annual High Country Walk for Breast Cancer Research.

As I mentioned to you, I am a six-year breast cancer survivor. I was diagnosed with a very rare, aggressive form of breast cancer. After multiple surgeries and 18 months of chemotherapy, I started on the road to recovery.

One of the things that helped me through this journey was the support I received from my community.

When I moved to the High Country two years ago, I witnessed so many businesses and members of the public who supported breast cancer research. However, one thing I did notice was that we didn't have a community fund-raising walk to bring all of the people together under one "umbrella".

With so much support within our community, it is just a matter of time until an organization such as the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation comes to the High Country to organize a walk for breast cancer research. While the

Komen Organization is a wonderful entity, the money it raises in the High Country will be exported from local sources for use elsewhere.

The goal of the First Annual High Country Walk for Breast Cancer Research is to keep the funds raised during our walk IN the High Country to help OUR residents fight breast cancer, as well as to support our local hospitals as they care for individuals fighting this terrible disease.

We would like to formally request the Town of Blowing Rock's permission to hold the 2017 First Annual Walk for Breast Cancer Research on Saturday, October 28, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., in coordination with the Blowing Rock Halloween Festival.

- We are proposing a 5K fun run and walk which will begin at the American Legion building in Blowing Rock. The walk would continue as follows:
- Walk around perimeter of Mayview Lake to Devant Field
- Laurel Lane to Wonderland Drive to Mayview to Wonderland
- On to Laurel Lane, back to the Devant Ball Field, to Mayview Lake, and finish the race at the American Legion Building.

We will coordinate the event with the Blowing Rock Police Department, Parks and Recreation Department, and Emergency Services Department. We will also provide a copy of an executed certificate of insurance to the Town prior to the event date.

On behalf of Blowing Rock Investment Properties, thank you so much for considering our request for this important event. We look forward to hearing from you soon, and working with the Town of Blowing Rock to make this event an opportunity to contribute funds to the community to combat this horrible disease.

Respectfully,

Irene Sawyer, Broker
Blowing Rock Investment Propertie

2017 Cancer Walk/Run 5K

