

## RE: RBTC - Road Closure Application

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 2 attachments (163 KB)

RbtC - Road Closure Timeline Race 11-2023.pdf; RBTC Route Map - City Overlay.JPG;

Hello Chad,

I'm one of the race directors for the Run by the Creek 5K & 10 K running event. I want to give you some background, please.

1. This year will be our 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year for holding this community event! We usually attract between 300 & 400 participants.
  - a. <https://runbythecreek.com/>
2. As in the last 11 years, it's been the same exact event, same exact course, and same early Sunday morning timeline, with activity starting around 7:00 a.m. done by 10:30 a.m.
3. Only the beginning portion of the entire route (see attached map) is in the city proper; from the County Precinct #4 office on Roger Hanks Blvd., south down Roger Hanks to about the intersection of Creek Road., After that the route follows Creek Road out of city territory to the west. There are no homeowners or business driveways affected by they closure within the city limits.
4. Traffic Control:
  - a. All volunteer and participant parking is off-street, in a controlled location.
  - b. Every year we get about 16 type 1 (A frame) road barricades loaned from the county road dept.
    - i. We (volunteers) set them up at the 4 road closure locations along the route. There is no vendor.
    - ii. They are pulled across the road just before the race start (by the constable) at about 7:45 a.m., and removed immediately as each section of road is cleared of participants.
    - iii. All barricades and road signs are picked up by the volunteers by 11:00 and returned to the Pct 4 office where the road department leaves then for us.
  - c. Each barricaded intersection is each manned by a uniformed Hays County Constables Deputy / in a marked patrol car (Ron Hood personally mans the closure at the Pct Office). They are in radio contact with the race directors at all times.
  - d. Notices of road closure / special event are posted 10 days in advance all along the route, and every property owner receives a letter notifying them that the road will be closed for about three hours or less on race day morning.
  - e. There is no other signage.
4. County Permission: This consists of an email to Commissioner Smith, Sheriff Cutler, Jerry Borcharding (County Roads Supervisor) & Constable Hood, stating the race date, and seeking permission to close the roads. We receive reply's from all acknowledging the event and allowing the closure. That's it for county procedure.

This race was created by local residents for local residents (and anybody who wants to run) to be a fun, family focused, healthy, community event. We are a very small 501c3 non-profit who gives 100% of profits back to the city & county parks departments, to DSISD sports teams, and other youth groups in need of funds. We've had state senators, county judges, city council members and many other local officials both participate and give

opening remarks prior to the starting gun. I bet we could get some of these folks to vouch for the true simplicity of this event.

This thing is low budget & pretty much 100% volunteer based., No big plans or engineers approvals have ever been requested before. So tell us exactly what you need to approve this event and we'll do our best to pull it together for you. I'm also attaching (below) an old letter sent years ago to the previous city engineer, outlining in less detail, what I have written here. That might help?



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September 18, 2015

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Dear Rick,

The Dripping Springs Running Club (DSRC) is in the process of planning the 4th Annual **Run by the Creek 5K & 10K** to be held on **Sunday, November 8, 2015**.

**Application for Road Closure**

As in 2012 and 2013, 2014, the 2015 race event will:

- provide off street parking for participants and volunteers in the fields off Roger Hanks Parkway;
- start and finish along Roger Hanks Parkway;
- follow the same route, a copy is attached – maps can be found on our race website, <http://runbythecreek.com/map-course/>;
- require closure of the same roads (Roger Hanks Pkwy & a portion of Creek Road heading west) from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (Road Closure Timeline enclosed);
- have a team of 4 Hays County Constable Deputies, with patrol vehicles stationed at all intersections;
- utilize type III traffic barricades supplied by Hays County Road Department (Jerry Borcharding 512.738.2080);

The only business, homeowner, or renter within the City limits impacted by the street closures is the Hays County Pct. 4 building which is not open during the street closure hours.

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Thanks for reading all of this, and as always we appreciate the city being a partner in this event. Call or write if I can help to clarify anything.



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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 30, 2023 8:39 AM

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Hi Jason,

Regarding your Road Closure Application, our City Engineer would like to review a layout of your signage and barricade plan from the vendor who will be setting it up for you. Are your barricades being set by Hays County? If you already have permit from them you can send that as well.

See the City Engineer's comments in the email below

Thanks!

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Johnna,

I looked at their application. Regarding the engineered layout. An engineered layout is best but we can also review and approve a layout provided by their signage and barricade vendor. It doesn't look like they provided either. The hand sketch provided only addresses the Type III barricades at the start of the race but does not show any signage or address Traffic Control along the rest of the route.

I see that "Hays County Roads" is their traffic control vendor. I assume that is actually the County. They should be able to provide a sketch of their barricade and signage layout. It is possible that the County has already permitted this road closure themselves since most of the route (along creek road) is actually county roads. If they have a county permit they can submit that as well and we can see if that satisfies what we need regarding the traffic control layout.

Thanks,



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**Chad Gilpin, P.E.**  
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