## **Pumpkin Festival**

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To:Johnna Krantz < jkrantz@cityofdrippingsprings.com>

Hello Johnna,

I hope all is going well with Dripping Parks! As you know, we are big supporters of your programming, year over year.

I am writing as a resident of Big Sky Ranch, and an owner of an investment property in Texas Heritage Village. I heard that the Pumpkin Festival was moved to Treaty Oak to accommodate crowds and parking issues.

Today I was made aware that the Pumpkin Festival is requesting being moved back to the Pound House. I love the Pound House and am so glad they have created this fundraiser. However, it is a logistical nightmare for residents in the area.

I reviewed the proposed parking plan and I do not believe that they address parking concerns at all. There are not 200 parking spaces along Founders Park Road, Rob Shelton, or the new road that may or may not be completed by October - there isn't even road base yet.

- On Founder's Park Road, east of Rob Shelton, people park on both sides of the road, creating a tunnel for thru traffic and a clear issue for emergency vehicles, should they need to get into Big Sky Ranch.
- On Founder's Park Road, west of Rob Shelton, cars are parked in the mud, and on park grass. It takes months for these areas to come back.
- Rob Shelton will have new curbs along the road, prohibiting cars from parking in the dirt off of the roadway, as they did in previous years.
- Parking along the curbs on Rob Shelton will severely restrict traffic flow into and out of the area the lanes are restricted now for constructions I encourage you to go by and attempt to navigate them, without children and families taking up the remaining road as they exit cars parked along the curbs.
- In years prior, people have parked in the greenspace and even along the walking paths in Texas Heritage Village. These are not parking spaces, but our year-round parks.
- The newest extension of Lone Peak, through the new Cannon Development, is not constructed. I think counting on this as additional parking is a stretch.

If the Parks Department is considering granting the Pound House's request, please have them develop a better parking plan. Shuttles to the Methodist Church? Parking at the triangle? I don't have the perfect answer, because the area was not created for this type of traffic or parking. Maybe sell tickets for timeslots? There has to be a better solution.

Please let me know that you've received this.

Thank you,

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Best,

Amy

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