

Concern about Pumpkin Patch Returning

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Hi Johnna,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the potential return of the Pumpkin Patch Festival to Dripping Springs, specifically to Founder's Park. As a resident of the Big Sky Ranch development, I experienced firsthand the negative consequences of last year's festival, particularly in terms of parking issues and the impact on our community.

The inconsiderate parking behavior of festival attendees significantly impacted our neighborhood. The situation became quite chaotic as vehicles blocked stop signs, rendering them ineffective and jeopardizing the safety of residents and visitors alike. These parking practices also created severe pinch points on the roads, making it virtually impossible for emergency vehicles to access our area efficiently. It was a stressful and challenging experience for everyone attempting to travel in and out of the neighborhood during the festival.

Moreover, I would like to draw your attention to the adverse effects experienced by The Pound House. The excessive foot traffic resulting from the festival had a disastrous impact on their property and the condition of their grass. I strongly recommend that the council engage in a conversation with the owners of The Pound House to gain valuable insight into the extent of the damage caused and the negative implications for this significant historical site. These same issues will surely occur at Founder's Park.

While I understand the importance of community events and the positive contributions they can make, it is crucial that we balance these benefits with the well-being and harmony of our local neighborhoods. Therefore, I kindly request that the City Council consider these concerns seriously and evaluate the potential impact of allowing the Pumpkin Patch Festival to return to Founder's Park.

I would be grateful if the City Council could take the necessary steps to prevent a repeat of the difficulties experienced last year, such as implementing effective parking management strategies, ensuring proper traffic flow, and prioritizing the safety and accessibility of our community. By proactively addressing these concerns, we can preserve the quality of life for residents in Dripping Springs. It would be wonderful to see the Pumpkin Festival required to hire police officers to manage and monitor parking 100% of the time they are open and operating or, at a minimum, to require their event staffing to include this job.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I have full confidence that you will consider the community's best interests when making decisions regarding the Pumpkin Patch Festival. If there is any additional information or perspective I can provide to support my concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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