

To: City Secretary Mandy Grant From: Chief Colin Rangnow Date: February 21, 2024

Subject: Agenda Item: Street Closure Celebrate the Child (HARBOR Children's Alliance and Victim Center)

The Port Lavaca Police Department on behalf of the HARBOR Children's Alliance and Victim Center requests approval from City Council of the City of Port Lavaca to temporary close the 200 blk of W Railroad from 100 N Ann St to 100 N Benavides and from the HARBOR Advocacy Property line, 200 N Benavides to the intersection of 100 N Benavides and 200 W Railroad, for the annual Celebrate the Child Picnic to be held at the HARBOR Children's Alliance and Victim Center located at 215 W Railroad, on Saturday, April 6, 2024 from 10 am to 2 pm. The road closure would start an hour before the event (9 am) and would open shortly after the event concludes.

Chief Colin Rangnow

Port Lavaca Police Department



The month of April has been designated Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in the United States. The goal is to raise public awareness about child abuse and neglect and to educate communities and individuals on how to help keep our children safe. In observance of Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month, The Harbor Children's Alliance & Victim Center will be hosting our Annual Celebrate The Child Picnic on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at The Harbor, 215 W. Railroad Street from 10 am to 2 pm. This is an event that has been designed to bring awareness to ending child abuse and neglect, but also to celebrate the children and remind them of how special they are.

Since April is designated as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month, we will begin the event by reading a proclamation and blowing bubbles in honor of the 92 children that were interviewed at our center last year. Local agencies such as The Port Lavaca Police Department, Port Lavaca Fire Department, EMS, Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, and DPS will attend and have tables set up to give parents information on keeping their children safe and it allows the children to interact with them to know that they are "trusted adults" that can help them if they find themselves in a dangerous situation. We will also have other social service organizations on site to let parents know about the resources that are available here in town as well as food and games.

Last year, we held the picnic at our center, located at 215 W. Railroad street in conjunction with the Calhoun County Library. Our area is not a high traffic area, but we are asking the City of Port Lavaca to please allow us to close the intersections so that we can take advantage of the space we have and still keep our children safe from harm. I have attached a map with what streets we would need closed. We will begin setting up here at The Harbor at 8 am so am asking for the streets to be closed from 9 am to 2 pm. Thank you for your time and consideration.

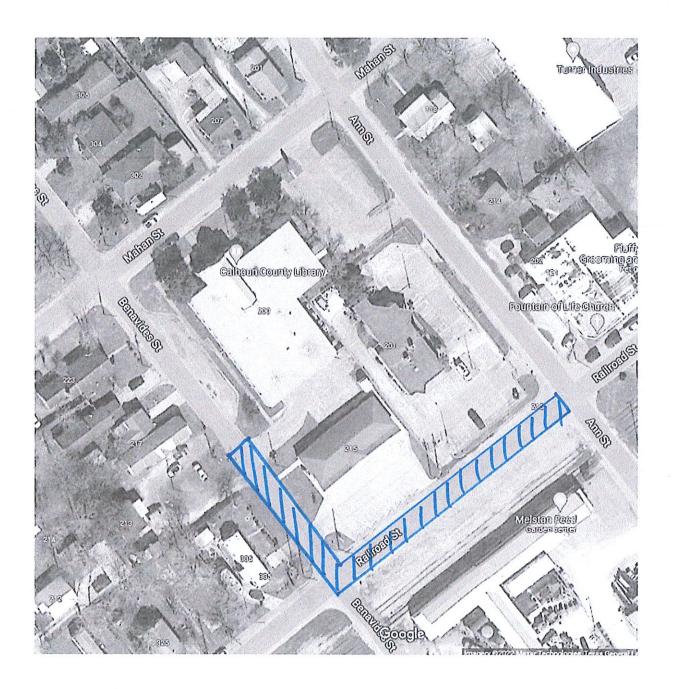
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THE HARBOR CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE & VICTIM CENTER

THE CALHOUN COUNTY LIBRARY

Fun

PRESENTS:

"CELEBRATE THE CHILD" PICNIC &

EASTER EGG HUNT

games

Food

In observance of Child Abuse Awareness

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Prevention Month

10:00AM-Proclamation Signing & Bubble Blowing Ceremony



SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024 10:00AM-2:00PM

WHERE:
215 W. RAILROAD ST.
&
200 W. MAHAN ST.



Come Meet Cat in the Hat and get a book signed

First 100 kids get a free shirt