

From: [Becky Wegner](#)
To: [Emily McFarland](#); [Megan Dunneisen](#)
Cc: [Saint Paul's Administrator](#); [Reverend Monica Burkert-Brist](#)
Subject: RE: Aug 18 permit request for St Paul's Episcopal Church
Date: Friday, July 19, 2024 11:05:36 AM
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From: Reverend Monica Burkert-Brist <revmbb.saint413paul@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2024 10:29 AM
To: Becky Wegner <BWegner@watertownwi.gov>
Cc: Saint Paul's Administrator <saint413paul@gmail.com>
Subject: Aug 18 permit request for St Paul's Episcopal Church

Hello Becky: I am the priest and pastor at St Paul's Episcopal Church... as you will see/recall from your recent email back to us below, we recently applied as we have virtually every year for the past several for a permit to close off the block of Spring Street immediately adjacent to our church for a family Sunday service and picnic celebration. This year we unfortunately ran into exactly the morass of new bureaucratic roadblocks recently adopted by our elected officials. I feared at the time these were adopted that we and many others might experience punitive regulatory oversight after the unnecessary, politically motivated efforts to stop future PRIDE events in Watertown.

I realize you are just the messenger here so please don't interpret my email as a complaint against your actions in your role with the City. But this is a sad day for Watertown when a small church that has regularly for many years been able to obtain this permission is now forced to choose between a long standing event and asking our limited staff to undertake a ridiculous amount of time and expense to jump through hoops not even reasonably calculated to keep the community safe. For example, based on the requirements you have listed, for a church family picnic with games for children we would have to certify that we checked every person in attendance against the Sex Offender Registry.

I testified at the committee level against these changes and expressed exactly the

concern which has now happened--- groups never intended to be 'targeted' for this kind of obstructionist regulatory treatment are now affected. To 'solve a problem' our city leaders have now broken the system.

St Paul's is not going to go forward with the permit and will change our plans for our event. Please refund our \$50 fee and I would respectfully ask you forward my email to the Mayor and Members of the City Council. Please cc me on the forwarding of this email.

I thank you for your work for the City-- public service is often a thankless job and I want you to know we appreciate the work you and so many others do for us daily.

Respectfully,

Rev Monica Burkert-Brist
personal cell 608-215-9232

From: **Becky Wegner** <BWegner@watertownwi.gov>

Date: Tue, Jul 9, 2024 at 2:43 PM

Subject: Church Picnic Aug 18

To: St. Paul's Episcopal Church <saint413paul@gmail.com>

Good Afternoon!

I received your Special Event application and have processed it. Just a reminder there are a few things I need from you:

- 1) Certificate of Insurance with additional insured endorsement-WORDING MUST BE LISTED ON COI * City of Watertown needs to be listed as additional insured. A 10 day written notice of cancellation, non renewal or material change applies
- 2) photocopy of Tax-Exempt number
- 3) List of the legal names of all employees, volunteers, and hired/volunteer entertainers who are responsible for the supervision or care of minors, or whose duties would require close contact and/or alone time with minors at the event. *Due no less than ten (10) business days before the event to the City Clerk. The Applicant will verify that names on the list have been checked against the online national sex offender public website and disqualify anyone who is listed in the registry. The verified list must be submitted to the City Clerk no later than 10 days before the event. **The national website can be found at <https://www.nsopw.gov/>**
- 4) Contact the Street Department for Road Closure
- 5) **Security & Emergency Action Plan**- The applicant must meet to discuss their Security & Emergency Action Plan with both the Police Department and Fire Department. Once approved the department will sign off and make a copy to place in their records. Applicant should retain a copy to share with all Event Organizers. Plans must be approved by the Police and Fire Department and will be kept confidential.

All of these forms with Directions are found in the special Event Packet, Please contact me with any questions.

Thank You!

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