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Board of Selectmen  
c/o Ms. Trish O'Neil  
Natick Town Hall  
13 East Central Street  
Natick, MA 01760

Dear Members of the Board,

I hope you have enjoyed summer thus far. I am writing on behalf of my neighborhood to request permission to block off a section of our street during our annual neighborhood party in September. Our event is scheduled for **Saturday, September 14** (raindate: Saturday, September 21) from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. The section we would like to block off is from **#9-17 Morningside Avenue**. We have blocked the street in a similar way for the last decade of block parties (with permission), and all went well.

We would like to block off a section of the street for the same reasons as in past years: to facilitate socializing and to ensure safe bike-riding. We will not place items on the street that would prevent emergency vehicles from getting through at a moment's notice, nor would we block fire hydrants. Morningside Avenue, which runs parallel to Woodland Avenue, is not a "cut-through," so the only traffic consists of residents and people visiting residents. Neighbors are invited to and are made aware of the party, and as it's a section of the street and not the ends, those who need to depart via either end can do so. We would also keep Public Safety Dispatch aware of the party opening/closing, according to the schedule.

Thank you for your consideration of our request – we look forward to your response. Please feel free to email me at juliemanes@yahoo.com.

Sincerely yours,

Julie Bostian

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Resident (6 Morningside Ave.) and Block Party Committee Member

**Brian Lauzon** <lauzon@natickpolice.com>  
To: Patricia O'Neil <poneil@natickma.org>

Mon, Aug 5, 2019 at 11:32 AM

Trish,

After review we would recommend approval with the following stipulations:

- Public Safety Dispatch (508-647-9500) to be notified when the roadway is going to be closed, and again when it is re-opened. All roadways shall be opened no later than 8pm.
- Nothing be erected or placed in the roadway that cannot be easily removed in the event an emergency response is needed
- Residents in the affected area to be notified in writing prior to the event date
- Nothing be placed on, or around a fire hydrant that cannot be easily moved. Fire hydrants shall not be blocked.
- Our preference in these cases is not to barricade the roadway "mid block", but rather at the ends or intersecting ways, for ease of not only public safety vehicles but others who may not live in the area such as UPS, Fedex, visitors, Uber, Etc.. In this case our preference would be to block Morningside at Clover Lane and again at Woodleigh Road, so that vehicles can be redirected without using someones private drive.

Additionally:

- Traffic cones and/or barricades may be checked out from Police Headquarters the morning of the event, and returned immediately following.

Reminder:

- All laws relative to alcoholic beverages including the possession/carrying of same remain in effect.

Respectfully,

Lt. Brian G. Lauzon

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