



TO: The City of West Lafayette Board of Works  
FROM: Scott Freeman, Taste Event Director  
RE: 2010 Taste of Tippecanoe

March 9, 2010

Dear Board Members,

I am requesting board approval to stage the 2010 Taste of Tippecanoe on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 3:00 PM to 12:00 midnight in downtown Lafayette and in Tapawingo Park in West Lafayette. The Taste is the major fund-raising event for the Tippecanoe Arts Federation and will draw an anticipated 40,000 people to downtown for this one day celebration for the arts. Many improvements have been made to ensure the safe and orderly flow for our participants and guests. I am asking to be heard at the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting where on behalf of the Tippecanoe Arts Federation and the Taste of Tippecanoe, I will be seeking board approval for the following:

**STREET CLOSURES:**

I am asking for a 24 hour closure from 5:00 AM Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to 5:00 AM Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 of the following streets, sidewalks, and public access areas for the purpose of setting up, staging and striking the 2010 Taste of Tippecanoe:

- Tapawingo Drive from State to Brown Streets
- The south lane of Brown Street from Tapawingo Drive to the river
- Tapawingo Park and skating rink
- The John Myers Pedestrian Bridge

I have spoken with the West Lafayette Police Department, the West Lafayette Fire Department, Tippecanoe County Emergency Management, West Lafayette Engineer's Office, West Lafayette Parks Department, West Lafayette Street Commissioner, and Wendy Watson, property manager, Wabash Landing regarding our intentions. All proper paperwork has been filed and requests have been approved through these respective organizations.

I have made arrangements with CityBus, Greyhound Bus Lines and Amtrak to relocate bus service and accommodate passengers on the event date.

**PARKING RESTRICTIONS:**

To facilitate electrical set-up for food booths and entertainment stages, I am requesting parking

restrictions on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 starting at 3:00 AM for these areas: Tapawingo Drive, Tapawingo Park parking lot, Brown Street east of Tapawingo Drive. If signage could be posted on Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, this would facilitate clear areas for the needed setup.

**STREET CLEANING:**

To ensure area is returned to its proper state, on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, I am requesting the services of the city street sweepers to assist our cleaning crews by cleaning the streets within the festival boundaries after the event. I would request a start time of 3:30AM to allow ample time to strike the stages and fencing.

**PERMISSION TO LAUNCH FIREWORKS:**

I am requesting permission to allow the Melrose Pyrotechnic Company, Chicago, IL, to launch a fireworks display from 10:00 PM to 10:20 PM June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Melrose has worked with the Taste since 1994. They will have secured all the proper permits and licenses prior to the launch. They will ensure the West Lafayette Fire Department has all the proper information needed to launch a professional fireworks spectacular. The launch sites this year will be in Lafayette.

I have made arrangements with the West Lafayette Police Department, the Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department and Emergency Management to ensure ample security throughout and after the event.

Beer and wine will be served but not in West Lafayette. West Lafayette will be promoted as the Family Taste and all alcohol sales will be in Lafayette. Alcohol may be carried across the bridge into West Lafayette, but not sold. All proper permits and licenses have been signed and applied for through the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission for the State of Indiana.

The 2010 Taste of Tippecanoe will feature 40 restaurants, 7 beer gardens, 7 stages, 36 bands and numerous new attractions designed to bring downtown alive! The Taste is the largest and most prestigious event to grace downtown Lafayette. My commitment is show off our great city by bringing a level of excitement and excellence through the celebration of music, food and the arts. The success of the Taste will ensure the Tippecanoe Arts Federation has the necessary resources available to support over 100 arts organizations in and around Tippecanoe County.

Thank you for your consideration and I will be attending the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

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