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Dear Jay:

I hope that this finds you well. I'm writing in regard to our recent conversation concerning the future scheduling of Rail Fair in Copeland park. It has come to our attention that The Blue Dragon Boat Race has voluntarily abandoned the 3rd weekend in July. It is our desire to reclaim the 3rd Saturday in July for Rail Fair. Rail Fair has traditionally been held on the 3rd Saturday in July for over 25 years. We were driven out of this date due to the overwhelming demand for parking that the combined events placed on the limited resources in Copeland park. The fact that The Police Department insisted on closing St. Cloud street to vehicle traffic during The Boat Race, created an untenable situation for Rail Fair vendors, exhibitors and patrons.

We are requesting preferred scheduling and the exclusive use of both shelters in North Copeland on the 3rd Saturday, and the preceding Friday in July. We further request that The Parks & Recreation Department refrain from scheduling any other event or activity in Copeland park that would require the closing of St. Cloud street, or that would in anyway limit, restrict, prohibit or deny public, vendor or patron access to or from the shelters at North Copeland, or that would otherwise conflict with Rail Fair activities at North Copeland. If this proposal meets with your approval and that of The Board of Park Commissioners, it is our desire to pursue a multiyear agreement/contract to this effect. Please feel free to contact me if you have any comments or questions. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours for Success;

Mark Hamre

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