

SUGGESTED MOTION:

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Darien hereby grants permission to the Darien Chamber of Commerce for Darien Sidewalk Sales & Family Fun Days to be held from July 10 through July 15, 2013, subject to the requirements of the Darien Police Department and Planning & Zoning Department.

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Vote: _____



April 2, 2013

Ms. Jayme Stevenson
First Selectman
Darien Town Hall
2 Renshaw Road
Darien, CT 06820

Dear Ms. First Selectman:

On behalf of the Darien Chamber of Commerce, I am seeking permission to coordinate and organize the annual sidewalk sales. This year's event, Darien Sidewalk Sales & Family Fun Days, will be held on July 11, 12 and 13, 2013. Because of the way Independence Day falls, it was difficult to pick a "best date", but these dates received the most votes

We are requesting that the Town Board of Selectmen approve a temporary suspension and waiver of the Town of Darien's Zoning Regulation 373 for businesses participating in this annual event during the three days indicated. In addition, we are requesting a waiver of all parking restrictions during these three days.

A verification of insurance coverage will be provided by Abercrombie, Burns & McKiernan & Co., per previous requirements of the Town of Darien.

We are asking that zoning and the police department is lenient in their enforcement of parking, sidewalk obstruction, signage, and other regulations that might occur during Discover Darien Days. As in the past, the tents will be set up prior to the event-on Wednesday, July 10th and will be taken down by Monday, July 15th. I would like permission to hang banners or signs prior to the event.

A request has been made through the Darien Police Department for closure of Day Street on Saturday July 13th to vehicular traffic. By leaving Brook open, it will help Grieb's Pharmacy with their deliveries and the Sugar Bowl and Uncles with the ability to allow customers to park on Grove and exit through the parking lots behind the theatre and the Sport Shop. Last year, barricades allowed the Darien Rowayton Bank Drive thru window an egress onto Day from 9-noon.

Since the Chamber markets the event and provides the insurance, we ask that only those businesses that have paid and are registered be allowed to sell their products outdoors. The town would therefore shut down sales of any non-participant.

Thank you for your cooperation. We appreciate your arranging with the Board of Selectmen and the various town departments the necessary approvals.

Best Regards,

Carol Wilder-Tamme
President Darien Chamber of Commerce
cc: Chief Lovello
Jeremy Ginsberg

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RE: 2013 Sidewalk Sales and Family Fun Days

April 12, 2013

Dear Ms. Wilder-Tamme:


As in past years, the Darien Zoning Regulations prohibiting establishment of tents or temporary structures and prohibiting the display of merchandise in front of the building will not be strictly enforced for the two days of the Darien Sidewalk Sales and Family Fun Days as conducted by the Darien Chamber of Commerce.

- The outside sidewalk sale shall be conducted on July 11, 12 and 13, 2013 from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.
- Reasonably sized and located temporary banners and signs may be displayed starting on July 6th and continuing only through the Sidewalk Sale Days.
- Tents may be set up on July 10, 2013 in preparation for the sales, but display of merchandise and other use of the tents may take place only on July 11, 12 and 13, 2013. The tents will be removed on July 15, 2013. This arrangement allows for a day of set-up and two break-down days and is fair to all persons because it allows use of the tents only on the approved sidewalk sale days. I appreciate your efforts to inform all members of these arrangements.

These temporary concessions shall apply only to those businesses and enterprises that are officially participating in the Chamber of Commerce Program. Prior to the event, please send me a list of participating businesses. Also send the list to Chief Lovello and update the list on the day of the event to include any last minute participants.

Businesses that do not participate in the Chamber's program cannot have sidewalk sales. In past years, several businesses have conducted sidewalk sales without officially participating in the Chamber of Commerce Program. From a legal perspective and due to potential liability problems, we cannot permit that practice to continue. Please make an effort to contact those business people and advise them that they must participate in the Chamber Program or not at all. I do not want to prevent anyone from having a sidewalk sale, but we will be forced to shut down merchants or vendors who are not properly covered by this approval.

Sincerely,


David J. Keating
Zoning Enforcement Officer

Cc: Duane Lovello, Chief of Police
Karl Kilduff, Administrative Officer
Jeremy Ginsberg, Planning & Zoning Director