Hi Mary,

Hope you're doing well! It's been a long time since we've connected.

Richard Johnson asked me to forward this to you on his behalf.

Please include this with the counsel information for the Farm Trails item tonight.

Thank you,
Pam

Pamela Davis
Operations Manager
Gravenstein Apple Fair
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----- Original message -----
From: Richard Johnson < ███████████████ >
To: ██████████████
Subject: Fwd: Farm Trails request for assistance
Date: Tuesday, May 03, 2022 10:52 AM

Pam,

This kicked back. I do not know why. My computer is an alien.

Anyway, can you forward this to Mary Gourly so it gets on the record for tonight's meeting?

Thanks

RJ

-------- Original Message -------

Subject: Farm Trails request for assistance
   Date: 2022-05-03 10:42
 From: Richard Johnson ████████████████
     To: mgourly@cityofsebastopol.org

Dear members of the Sebastopol City Council,

It is my understanding that the Sonoma County Farm Trails has requested fiscal and in-kind support for this year's Gravenstiein Apple Fair.

The Gravenstein Apple Fair has been a wonderful community affair for over 40 years . It showcases our agricultural heritage and displays all that is right about our community. I have always enjoyed seeing the positive interactions between visitor and vendors and, at the end of the day, patrons have walked by my house looking happy and content. That is truly a positive for Sebastopol.

I live at the corner of Covert Lane and Hansen Lane (a couple of blocks from the entrance to Ragle Park) and can attest to the need for assistance with parking and traffic control. Historically, cars have been backed up along all access routes and I think Police Department assistance with traffic control and parking would be very helpful in enhancing the experience of the Fair. After pandemic shutdowns and cancellations of community events, I expect even more traffic this year.

The request from the Farm Trails is modest and addresses a genuine need. I urge the Council's support.

Thank you for your consideration,

Best regards,

Richard M. Johnson,

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