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## Traditions at the Glen Resort and Conference Center Outdoor Entertainment Venue Traffic Management Plan

The following is a proposal from Sheriff David E. Harder regarding the management of high volume pedestrian and vehicular traffic following an event at the proposed outdoor entertainment venue located at Traditions at the Glen, 4101 Watson Boulevard Johnson City, NY 13790. The management of such would be conducted by off-duty Broome County Sheriff's deputies or other law enforcement officers. Their involvement would be limited to traffic issues that arise on public streets and roadways not located on the private property owned by Traditions at the Glen.

### Proposed Traffic Posts (TP): Total of 10 pre/post event.

Due to the expected high volume of both pedestrian and vehicular traffic, the following traffic posts are proposed and should be numbered as such, during all planning phases:

- 1) Hooper Road @ Watson Boulevard
- 2) Country Club Road @ Robinson Hill Road
- 3) Watson Boulevard @ Main Entrance to Traditions
- 4) Watson Boulevard @ Barton Avenue
- 5) Watson Boulevard @ entrance to Parking Lot #3
- 6) Watson Boulevard @ entrance to Parking Lot #4
- 7) Harry L. Drive @ Oakdale Road
- 8) Oakdale @ E. Main Street (Westover)
- 9) Roving post (vehicle provided by venue)
- 10) Roving post (vehicle provided by venue)
- 11) Roving Post – Supervisor (vehicle provided by venue)

Traffic posts should be manned three (3) hours prior to the beginning of any scheduled entertainment. This will allow for the improved flow of traffic when spectators are arriving at the event and also curtail any traffic congestion or issues for the non-attending public who happen to be traveling past or through the venue area. The establishment of roving posts will allow for relief of the officers working manned posts along with the ability to respond to unforeseen or unplanned issues should they arise.

In addition to the established traffic posts the following suggestions are made to ensure the safety of pedestrian traffic. There will undoubtedly be pedestrian traffic by those who choose to walk between parking lots #1 and #2 and the outdoor entertainment venue. In an effort to keep those pedestrians on the shoulder of the roadway it is suggested that management place traffic cones between TP#3 and TP#6 along the north shoulder of the westbound lane of Watson Boulevard. There should be breaks in the established cone lines at Poplar Street and Barton Avenue as well as all private driveways to allow for the free flow of traffic to those living in the neighborhood known as Fairmont Park. This is also for official vehicular traffic associated with the entertainment venue which will maintain space near the proposed stage area.

The second suggestion to ensure the overall safety of the event and its spectators is to strategically place digital signage at three key locations surrounding the event. As an example this signage could indicate: EVENT AHEAD-LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY-EXPECT DELAYS. It is suggested that this signage be placed at or near TP#1, TP#2 (eastbound traffic) and TP#7 (westbound traffic)

### Post event/traffic management and established detours.

The following suggestion is made concerning managing the flow of traffic post event. Thirty (30) minutes prior to the end of the scheduled entertainment the following detours should be implemented. Alternate routes of travel to destinations will need to be made for some during this time frame: (See Map on next page.)

TP#1-NO traffic will be allowed to travel eastbound on Watson Boulevard, all traffic should be routed north on Hooper Road.

TP#2- ALL eastbound traffic on Country Club Road should be routed north on Robinson Hill Road.

TP#7- ALL traffic seeking to travel westbound on Harry L. Drive should be routed south on Oakdale Road to 17C also known as E. Main Street in Westover. This detour will also require Valley Plaza (westbound lane) to be barricaded off at the intersection of Oakdale Road. This will ensure no thru traffic is allowed on Valley Plaza to Watson Boulevard during post event traffic flow.

~The following procedure should be established to ensure the expeditious flow of traffic from the parking lots post event.

#### Parking Lots #1,#2 #3, #4

All traffic from these lots should be made to travel westbound on Watson Boulevard. Once vehicular traffic is underway they will be permitted to travel westbound on Watson Boulevard, Country Club Road or merge onto the George F. Hwy westbound utilizing the entry ramp under the railroad tracks. No traffic leaving these lots will be permitted to turn left onto Watson Boulevard. The reason being it will create congestion and slow traffic leaving parking lots #5, #6 and #7.

#### Parking Lots #5, #6, #7

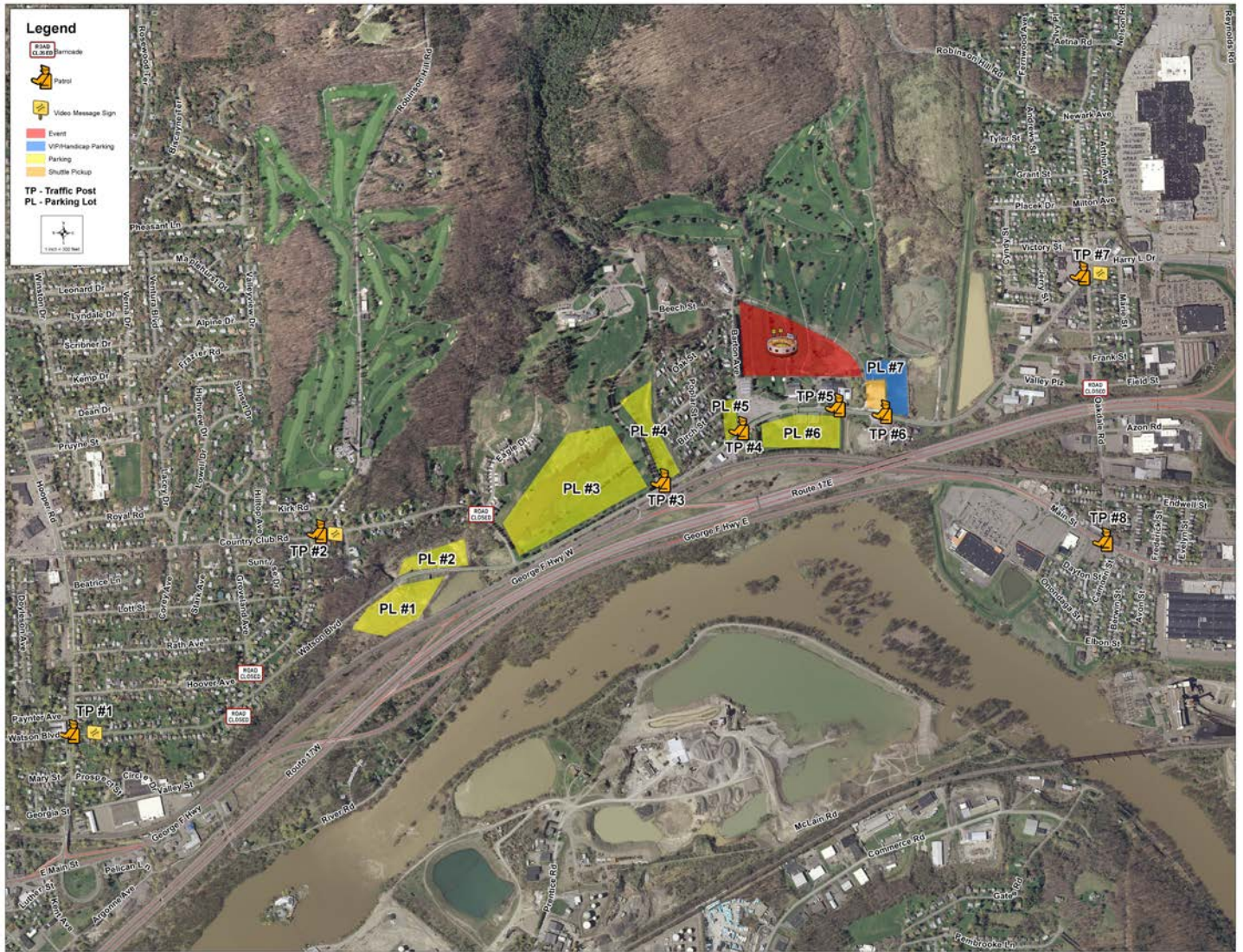
All traffic from these lots should be made to travel eastbound on Watson Boulevard. Once vehicular traffic is underway they will be permitted to travel eastbound on Watson Boulevard to Harry L. Drive or Watson Boulevard to Valley Plaza allowing vehicular traffic access to Oakdale Road.

~ Due to the smaller size of lots #5, #6 and #7 it is a distinct possibility that they will empty prior to lots #1, #2, #3 and #4. In the event this happens, it will be the responsibility of the deputies assigned to TP#5 and TP#6 to relay that information to TP#3. In an effort to disperse vehicular traffic in the most efficient manner, TP#3 would at this point allow traffic to travel both eastbound AND westbound on Watson Boulevard.

All members assigned to traffic posts would remain in place until the flow of traffic was such that it was being properly managed without delay by the established traffic signals already in place. Based on previous experiences members can expect to be at their assigned posts for approximately two (2) hours post event. Once all lots are empty and traffic is moving without congestion the detours can be removed.

~ Additional barricades will be placed at the following intersections to not allow through traffic while event is dispersing:

- Intersection of Country Club Road at Eagle Drive, only residents will be allowed on Eagle Drive.
- Intersection of Groveland Avenue and Hoover Avenue, NO through traffic to Watson Boulevard.
- Intersection of Valley Street at Watson Boulevard, NO through traffic to Watson Boulevard.



### Security at outdoor entertainment venue

Security on grounds will be provided by a private contractor. In addition to the staff that is provided by the contractor it is recommended that an additional eight (8) off-duty deputies be hired to assist with any incident that may arise and requires law enforcement intervention. Those deputies assigned to the event itself would take direction from the person in charge of security. Specific assignments and expectations should be developed and shared prior to any event.

### Conclusion

The above information should be used as a guide when establishing future plans for the outdoor entertainment venue. From our review of the proposed site, current roadways and the neighborhood surrounding the property the implementation of the above plan would ensure that both pedestrian and vehicular traffic was managed in the most efficient manner. As we have experienced in other high volume traffic events, if you are able to control the flow of traffic during a mass exit the time in which it takes to return to a normal flow is reduced significantly.

\*An Incident Action Plan (IAP) should be developed for every outdoor event; this will include specific assignments for LE, SECURITY, EMS and FIRE. Once established, there will only need to be minor changes as the events change.

\*Flexibility must be allowed in any plan, we may find that the personnel needed to manage this venue may increase or decrease based on size. None the less, this is a manageable event from law enforcements perspective.