

**Jaimie Kirkwood**

On behalf of the Racine Juneteenth Committee  
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**May 15, 2025**

**To:** Members of the Racine Common Council  
City of Racine  
730 Washington Avenue  
Racine, WI 53403

**Subject:** Request for Street Closures – 50th Annual Juneteenth Celebration

Dear Members of the Common Council,

On behalf of the Racine Juneteenth Committee, I am writing to formally request street closures in support of the upcoming **50th Annual Juneteenth Celebration**, scheduled for **Saturday, June 14, 2025**, from **12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, at the **Dr. John Bryant Community Center**, located at **601 Caron Butler Drive, Racine, WI 53403**.

As this marks a historic milestone—our 50th year celebrating Juneteenth in the Racine community—we are planning for an expanded event to honor this important occasion appropriately. The festival will include family-friendly entertainment, educational programming, local vendors, speakers, performances, a car show, and community engagement activities.

In preparation for this larger-scale event, we are requesting the closure of the following streets to ensure the safety of our attendees, participants, and vendors, and to accommodate the increased footprint of this year's celebration:

**Requested Street Closures:**

- Caron Butler Dr. from Grand Ave. to Wisconsin Ave. (DeKoven Center 2<sup>nd</sup> driveway entrance)
- Wisconsin Ave. – *only a portion*: from Caron Butler Dr. to DeKoven Center 2<sup>nd</sup> driveway entrance
- Roosevelt Park Dr. from Caron Butler Dr. to 700 24<sup>th</sup> St.

These closures will create a safe, walkable area for attendees and performers and will help us better manage the flow of traffic, vendors, and emergency access. We have attached the necessary applications & area map to support this request.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and your continued support for the Juneteenth celebration. If any additional information or clarification is needed, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your time and support as we celebrate this meaningful milestone with the Racine community.

Sincerely,

Jaimie Kirkwood  
Dr. John Bryant Community Center – Recreation Supervisor/Director  
Racine Juneteenth Chair  
On behalf of the Racine Juneteenth Committee

**Committee Members:**

*Jaimie Kirkwood...Cynthia Barker...Gary Cotton...Pastor Roy Carter...James Hall... Late Ald. Mollie Jones...Janet Mitchell...Tray Allen...Milton Taylor...Pastor Melvin Hargrove...GeorgAnn Stinson-Dockery*

**CONTRACTOR'S APPLICATION  
FOR PERMISSION TO  
CLOSE CITY OF RACINE STREET**

**Copies to:**  
**Requestor**  
**Engineering**  
**Transit Planner**  
**DPW Field Office**  
**Police Department**  
**Fire Department**  
**Plumbing**

TO: John C. Rooney, P.E.  
Commissioner of Public Works  
City of Racine City Hall  
730 Washington Avenue  
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Date of Application 4/15/2025

Street to be Closed Caron Butler Dr.

Grand Ave.

DeKoven Center (2nd) driveway on Wisconsin Ave.

from June 14, 2025 to

Length of Time Street Will be Closed (Hours/Days) 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Reason for Street Closing closing the requested streets during the Annual outdoor Juneteenth festival allows for easier access to the event grounds for vendors, entertainment personnel, participants, volunteers, staff, etc.

The closing helps with added safety precautions and provides additional space for activities & growth.

I/We hereby request permission to close the street as described, during which time I/we agree to and will abide by the conditions listed on the reverse side of this application.

Jaimie Kirkwood  
Company or Individual

601 Caron Butler Dr.  
Mailing Address

          
If Company, Signature of Authorized Representative

Racine, WI 53403  
City & State Zip Code

262-636-9459/262-636-9277  
Telephone Number and Fax Number with Area Code

262-636-9235  
Telephone Number at Job Site

**FEE CALCULATION: \$150.00 x**          **BLOCKS = \$**           
**LATE SUBMITTAL FEE: \$50.00 x**          **BLOCKS = \$**          **TOTAL FEE: \$**         

**FEE MUST BE PAID AT TIME PERMIT IS REQUESTED.** **PAID \$**          **RECEIPT #**         

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Street to be Closed Wisconsin Ave. (not the entire street, just up to the 2nd driveway of the DeKoven Center)

Caron Butler Dr.

DeKoven Ave.

from June 14, 2025 to

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Street to be Closed Roosevelt Park Dr.

Caron Butler Dr.

700 24th St.

from June 14, 2025

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