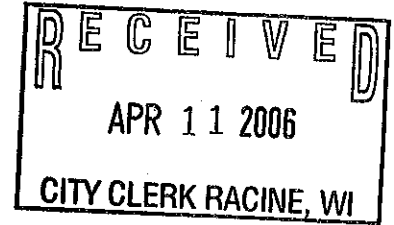




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April 3, 2006

Mr. Gary Becker, Mayor and The City Council
Racine City Hall
730 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53403

Dear Mayor Becker and Council members:

River Bend Nature Center (YWCA) requests the assistance of the City of Racine with a project that will benefit school children throughout the community: the first annual River Bend Derby Duck Race.

On June 24, 2006, over 5,000 "adopted" rubber ducks will be dropped off the Main Street Bridge into the Root River. Community members will adopt ducks for \$5.00. The first ducks to drift across the finish line downstream along Gaslight Point will win for their adoptive parents prizes ranging up to a shot at \$1,000,000! As an outcome of the race, we hope to raise \$20,000 to support educational programming at River Bend.

We have spoken to Donnie Snow at the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, and have received the okay to allow the community to watch the race from the river walk on the south side of the Root River, as long as a clear walkway is left open. We have also secured permission from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the US Coast Guard.

We request your permission to drop the ducks from the Main Street Bridge. They will be dropped by one or two front end loaders, or by a dump truck. To accomplish this, we may need to block the sidewalk and perhaps one lane of northbound traffic on the east side of the bridge for a short time. The operation of the bridge will not be affected, and the movement of boats on the river should not be seriously affected.

The Derby Duck Race should bring a lot of people downtown on the 24th, and will greatly benefit both the Nature Center and the school children we serve. We look forward to working with you to make sure this event realizes its promise for the community.

Sincerely,

David White

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Director

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