

Racine City Hall
Public Works and Services Committee
Racine Common Council
700 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53403

Dear Public Works and Services Committee & Common Council Members;

The Racine Revitalization Partnership (RRP) is pleased to have the opportunity to request the closure of a public right of way for the purpose of hosting our first Uptown community building event. The Treasures of Uptown event was inspired by the need for the creation of "sense of place" in Uptown. As a Community Housing Development Organization and a Community Based Development Organization, the RRP is in a position where they can increase the awareness of what Uptown can offer its residents and businesses. Thus, the Treasures of Uptown was created to build community and promote Uptown.

The requested closure of Junction Avenue is from the north property line of 1430 to the south property line of 1530 Junction Avenue. This will keep the alley and public parking open and available for the use of residents and event attendees. Treasures of Uptown is scheduled to take place between the hours of 11:00 am and 6:00 pm on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. RRP is requesting closure of the street from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm to prepare for the event and cleanup afterwards. Over 50% of the residents and business owners included in this area agree to the closure and support the event to build community and promote their businesses.

While RRP will not be "selling" or giving away food or merchandise, we will be providing entertainment, food trucks, children's games and events, and art gallery tours that feature art from around the country, exhibited in some of Uptown's fine old buildings.

Given the traffic on Washington Avenue, RRP feels that Junction Avenue presents the greatest opportunity for community to gather and enjoy entertainment and family focused events. RRP appreciates your consider and your ongoing cooperation in forging an Uptown on the rise.

Best regards,

Ed Miller

Executive Director

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