

To: City of Racine Public Works and Service, City Attorney

c/o John Rooney, Ronald Pritzlaff, Ara Molitor, Tara Coolidge, Scott Letteney, Ald. Mollie Jones

RE: Request for Street Closure 8/1/21 to support safety at the Racine Starving Artist Fair, DeKoven Center

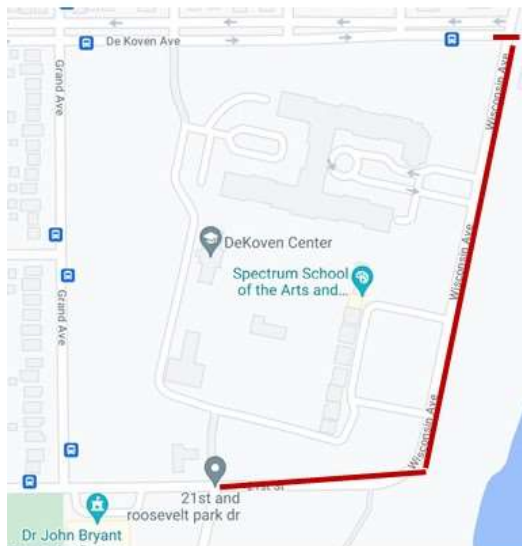
DT: 6/30/21

FR: Jayne Herring, Racine Art Guild board member, event coordinator 262-496-0016 or [RAGuildSAF@gmail.com](mailto:RAGuildSAF@gmail.com) and Jill Castillo, Racine Art Guild President

The Racine Art Guild will be hosting its 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Starving Artist Fair at DeKoven Center, 600 Butler Caron Drive August 1, 2021. We are requesting the short-term closure of a portion of Wisconsin Avenue and 21<sup>st</sup> Street (Butler Caron Dr.) to promote the safety of our 120+ artists, vendors, and volunteers during the unloading and reloading time periods of 6:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. and again from 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Due to construction on the Racine Gateway Technical College, we have had to relocate our Fair after decades in the past location. The unloading process has always caused confusion and traffic hazards and we applaud the city's decision in 2019 to allow Main Street to be closed during these critical hours. We believe that, since our vendors are unfamiliar with this new location, even more confusion may take place. We hope you will honor our request.

We would like Wisconsin Avenue closed from DeKoven Avenue south through when it bends into becoming 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue/Caron Butler Drive. The closure could end at the intersection with Roosevelt Park Drive, unless you see reason to continue the closure further south on Roosevelt. Ald. Mollie Jones is also working on approval for our artists to park at the Bryant Center once they have unloaded their art and displays at DeKoven.



Thank you for your consideration! Please contact me with questions at the number or email above.