

PO Box 9005
Rapid City, SD 57709



<http://upsanddowns.nexo.com>

Down Syndrome Family Support Group

To: Development Services Center
Growth Management Department
Attn: Department Director


The Ups of Downs Down Syndrome Family Support Group would like to request a multi-year(2010 and 2011) Special Exception to the Flood Area Construction Regulations for our annual Buddy Walk® that is held at Memorial Park Bandshell in September. Last year we were granted a multi-year 11-6-19 SDCL Review and it would help if the Special Exception was the same.

The Buddy Walk® is a one day event on a Saturday in September. The event consists of a walk around Memorial Park, lunch for the participants, family activities, and a small concert. Our day begins around 7:00 and ends after clean up by 4:00. We had 500 participants in 2009 and will expect that to grow as the awareness of Down syndrome and the Buddy Walk® becomes more familiar to our community. The Buddy Walk® is our annual fundraiser and helps to promote the awareness, acceptance, and inclusion of children and adults with Down syndrome in western South Dakota.

Have attached a poster for details of the Buddy Walk® along with an emergency preparedness guideline, an evacuation map, a walk path map, and a site plan.

Should any additional information be needed, please do not hesitate to let me know. We thank you for your consideration and appreciate your assistance.

Best Regards,


Mona Drolc
2010 Buddy Walk Director
VP Ups of Downs Family Support Group
605-348-1358
monad@rushmore.com

RECEIVED

JUN 1 8 2010

Rapid City Growth
Management Department

RECEIVED

**To: Development Services Center
Growth Management Department**

JUN 14 2010

**From: Ups of Downs Down Syndrome Family Support Group
Mona Drolc, 2010 Buddy Walk Director**

Rapid City Growth
Management Department

The Ups of Downs Family Support Group is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization formed to promote the awareness, acceptance, and inclusion of children and adults with Down syndrome in western South Dakota. The Buddy Walk® is our annual fundraiser and we have been doing the walk since 2000.

1. We are asking to hold the “Walk in the Park with Ups of Downs 2010 Buddy Walk® with Chris Burke in Concert” at Memorial Park Bandshell on Saturday, September 18, 2010 from 9:00 – 3:00. We will begin setup about 7:00am and teardown will be around 3:00pm. Our walk was held at Memorial Park in 2008 and was scheduled for 2009 but due to rain, we had to change locations.
2. We estimate 500 - 750 people to attend the walk and concert by Chris Burke, Joe & John DeMasi.
3. Schedule of events:
 - 9:00 Registration and Family Activities
 - 10:30 2010 Buddy Walk® around Memorial Park
 - 11:30 Lunch for registrants
 - 12:30 Concert by Chris Burke, Joe & John DeMasi
 - 1:30 Meet and Greet Chris, Joe & John
4. There will be tables set up for food, T-shirts, registration, and other information.
5. The walk itself will use existing sidewalks contained within Memorial Park. Participants will not enter or cross any streets.
6. Knology will be providing a golf cart to assist any walkers who have difficulty along the walk along with having a information tent.
7. Other family entertainment will be provided. Not all the details are completed at this time. We are expecting the State Farm Bear, clowns, inflatables, play area, along with other items.

Page 2 Ups of Downs Down Syndrome Family Support Group
2010 Buddy Walk®

8. The concert by Chris Burke, Joe & John DeMasi will be at the Memorial Park Bandshell.
9. There will be small tents set up to serve the food and for shade in the event it is really hot.
10. There will be water provided by Knology to the walkers.
11. The bandshell restrooms will be available for the convenience of the participants.
12. Lunch will be served by the Ups of Downs to the walk participants and other volunteers of the Buddy Walk®. We will be serving hot dogs which will be cooked by a cooker and stored in a warmer.
13. An emergency radio, including a weather radio, will be onsite at the registration table and monitored. The registration coordinator will also have a cell phone at all times and be in contact with the organizer of the event. Should there be a need for evacuation, an Emergency Preparedness Procedures Outline has been completed which will be coordinated and announced through the PA system from the bandshell. A copy is attached.

RECEIVED

JUN 15 2010

Rapid City, South Dakota
Management Department