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Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2016 10:12 PM
To: McMonigal-St Dennis, Barb (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Shamrock's

To Barb McMonigal-St. Dennis and the Department of Safety and Inspections:

This March 17th will mark my fifth St. Patrick's Day living one block away from Shamrock's Irish Nook. My family and I frequent the restaurant, spending several hundred dollars there each year between us and family and friends whom we invite to join us. They are good neighbors, and I am happy to support a local business.

The first St. Patrick's Day after we moved in, Shamrock's held a loud party. My 6-year-old son was unable to sleep in his bedroom that night (his window faces Shamrock's) and my 1-year-old daughter was difficult to get to sleep due to the noise.

I contacted the restaurant to complain about the noise and trash found in my yard from the celebration. One of the owners invited me to the restaurant and, over a complimentary beer, he listened to my complaints and explained how he planned to be a better neighbor next time. Shamrock's picked up the trash very well after that, and their noise level was better, especially after 10:00. But back in 2012, St. Patrick's Day was on a weekend. That's not the case this time. I now have two school-aged children I will be trying to get to bed that night, as well as a 1-year-old son. My older kids simply will not go to sleep with such noise - as we've learned when other neighbors have been unduly loud after 8:00 PM. This will negatively affect their behavior and performance at school the next day. Additionally, though Shamrock's may plan to turn down their noise at 10:00, their patrons will not, and we'll have to listen to loud, drunk people partying and stumbling back to their cars over the next several hours after that. If Shamrock's wishes to be exempt from the noise ordinance in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, I ask that they either hold off until the weekend, or provide a place for their youngest neighbors to sleep quietly that night. If not, then I request that their request for exemption be denied.

Thank you.

-James Zimmerman, 4xx Arbor St.