

Dan Hoffman ([00:05](#)):

Hi. Welcome to another edition of the Rouss Review. I'm your City Manager, Dan Hoffman. And with me is

Speaker 2 ([00:10](#)):

Communication Director, Amy Simmons. Hi Amy. How are you?

Amy Simmons ([00:15](#)):

I can't stop laughing.

Dan Hoffman ([00:17](#)):

Why Amy? Why can't you stop?

Amy Simmons ([00:19](#)):

That's what you get for being silly before we hit record.

Dan Hoffman ([00:21](#)):

Oh, I know. Well, okay. Thanks everybody for listening. We've got a fun one today. We're going to be out at a Winchester Royals game. Now, this is prerecorded. We were there last week for a game, so just keep that in mind when you're listening. Since then, I think the Royals have done pretty well. I think they're at 500 still in line for the playoffs.

Amy Simmons ([00:49](#)):

Good. I know they're excited about that.

Dan Hoffman ([00:51](#)):

Still a few games left, so make sure you check out their schedule. Then there are the playoffs.

Amy Simmons ([00:56](#)):

It was a great day. It was a beautiful day.

Dan Hoffman ([00:56](#)):

It was a very beautiful day, and we had a great time talking with J.R. And Jim. We will hit play on that interview here in a few minutes after we walk through some things on the agenda for tomorrow night. It might look like a long agenda, but a lot of this stuff is second reading, so you've heard it before. We have second reading on the special event permits. It will allow me to charge a nominal fee to cover our costs. When we process event permits and help the City recover its costs in certain situations where we close roads or we have to pick up trash. Also on the agenda, we are finalizing the changes to our ordinance to accommodate our new roll-off containers. Very excited about that. If you want to come try out or test a container, you can still pop over here to City Hall or Jim Barnett Park. You can see the three different sizes. You can give them a test drive, see which one is best for you. Few frequently asked questions that we've been getting: do I have to use them? Yes, you do. Just like every other jurisdiction that's done this and many other jurisdictions have. Are they going to be used for recycling? Not yet. We do intend to in the future have standardized cans for recycling. It is my intent, and of course, this has to go to Council

and everything, but it is my intent to start collecting glass again. So changes are a foot with solid waste. We have some older trash trucks that will be replaced with automated trucks to make the system more efficient. We'll save money on our worker's comp. Our trash our sanitation workers lift seven tons of trash a day.

Amy Simmons ([02:45](#)):

Oh my gosh. That's crazy.

Dan Hoffman ([02:48](#)):

That is crazy. Very excited about that. Our employees are very excited about that and once everybody gets so used to it, I think you'll realize that it's actually a great system.

Amy Simmons ([02:55](#)):

And now they can use their old cans for recycling maybe.

Dan Hoffman ([02:58](#)):

Oh yeah. You can throw recycling in there. What a lot of folks can use it for yard waste. That's what I intend to do with it.

Amy Simmons ([03:06](#)):

Every Wednesday we'll pick it up.

Dan Hoffman ([03:08](#)):

Every Wednesday. Second reading for ending the State of Emergency. Very happy to not be under that anymore. It technically ended on June 30th, but have to go through some formal Council steps. And first reading on the appropriations ordinance for our use of the stimulus money. We've gone over it a few times now. We went over it in Finance [Committee], our last podcast, Council Work Session. We went over parts of it last week during the Public Health and Safety Committee and we'll be going over it a little bit more tomorrow. We'll be diving into some parts related to planning, economic development, and housing this Thursday during the PED [Planning and Economic Development] Committee. Make sure, if you care, tune in and let us know.

Amy Simmons ([04:02](#)):

Yeah. Check those resources.

Dan Hoffman ([04:02](#)):

And you can tune in, of course, but you can also show up. We like it when people show up at City Hall. There's typically not a ton of people. So if you want to actually see your Council and action, stop on by. Feel free to say hi to me sitting right there. So come by and say hello. And speak at public comment too with whatever's on your mind. It doesn't have to be a bad thing. You don't have to have something to complain about. You can just say, 'Hey, I really like living in the city'.

Amy Simmons ([04:35](#)):

We'd like to hear that.

Dan Hoffman ([04:36](#)):

We're not asking for praise, but if you want to offer some praise, that's also nice. Or if you just want to say, 'Hey, I live in the city. I live here. This is my name. Just introduce myself.'

Amy Simmons ([04:45](#)):

Ideas, improvements.

Dan Hoffman ([04:46](#)):

And if you got some ideas, that's great. Use it. It's your time. And then we'll do an Executive Session about some acquisition of real estate.

Amy Simmons ([04:56](#)):

And no work session.

Dan Hoffman ([04:57](#)):

No work session. So fingers crossed, knock on wood, that this won't be super late. We went to 9:30 last time, which by our standards is long.

Amy Simmons ([05:08](#)):

That is long.

Dan Hoffman ([05:10](#)):

All right. So let's go ahead. Go ahead and hit play on this interview out at the Royals game.

Dan Hoffman ([05:19](#)):

So this is a special edition of the Rouss Review podcast. We are at Bridgeforth Field. Home of the Royals. We're actually here in the middle of the game right now against...is it New Market tonight?

Jim ([05:30](#)):

New Market Rebels current.

Dan Hoffman ([05:34](#)):

It is currently, I believe, bottom of the second or top of the third. Yep, top of the third right now. Unfortunately the Royals are down by four, but plenty of game left. Today's a doubleheader. So seven innings?

J.R. Burns ([05:45](#)):

That's correct. Seven innings.

Dan Hoffman ([05:47](#)):

I'm particularly excited for this one because, in fact, I suggested it. I'm going to take credit for this because I'm a huge baseball fan. And when I found out we had a summer collegiate team here, I was very excited. I was even more excited when I found out it was at one of my fields and the history and the

tradition of the Royals. You know, this wasn't a new experiment for the city. I wasn't going to have to worry about it being year to year. There's a strong community support and folks like yourself that have been keeping it going. So why don't you guys introduce yourself real quick and tell us what your affiliation with the Royals is?

J.R. Burns ([06:26](#)):

Hi. My name is J. R. Burns and I'm the President. This is my second year as a President. I've been with the Royals, oh, wow, probably for eight years now. Of course, my first tenure as President was COVID, so, I got to have a season off, I guess you would say. But it wasn't no baseball, but we still had things to take care of for COVID. We literally had a team ready to go, players ready to show up, and everything.

Dan Hoffman ([06:52](#)):

Were they already in town?

J.R. Burns ([06:53](#)):

No, sir. They were on the roster, everybody was ready to come, and at the last minute, everything got shut down. Coach and Bruce Alger sent out the notice to let us know that there's not going to be a Valley League baseball season. It was one of them things that happened and you know what, we all made it through it. We're healthy now and we're back to playing baseball. Very excited to be back. This year has been great. I love it. The weather and everything. The rain's kind of hurt us a couple of times, but hey, you know what, that's why we're playing double headers to make these games up.

Dan Hoffman ([07:25](#)):

I love extra baseball and this gentleman over here.

Jim Philips ([07:28](#)):

My name is Jim Phillips. I'm currently on the board of directors right now, and I've been affiliated with the Royals for, this is my 43rd year. I've held probably every position except president.

Dan Hoffman ([07:44](#)):

Have you played? Did you play for the Royals?

Jim Philips ([07:49](#)):

Oh, no, no.

Dan Hoffman ([07:52](#)):

Well there's still time. [Laughs].

Jim Philips ([07:52](#)):

Yeah. Yeah. I coached little league for about 15 years and pony league and also had a woman's softball team. If you had ever coached one of those, you had fun experience.

Dan Hoffman ([08:11](#)):

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For folks that don't know and I was getting this question from my younger son earlier today. Obviously, this is not professional. This is not minors, but this is kind of the pathway to a Major League system. Players on the summer collegiate league teams, they're getting scouted, they could get drafted. Tell us where collegiate summer league baseball falls in the grand scheme of baseball.

J.R. Burns ([08:43](#)):

Well, you have the Cape Cod. Now, I'll let Jim talk some on this too, but the Cape Cod is supposed to be the elite of all leagues. That's where you're really high...

Dan Hoffman ([08:52](#)):

Of collegiate summer league?

J.R. Burns ([08:53](#)):

Yes. Valley League falls, I want to say, Valley's number two. If you talk to Bruce Alger, Bruce really talks about having meetings with Chuck Fox with Major League Baseball. Valley League is spoke well about through Major League Baseball. The talent we have, how we show the talent, where we get the kids from. And I'll let Jim kind of talk on that, how the kids are brought into the collegiate league through the Valley League and the coaches and stuff like that. So it's a really good, fun summer baseball if you want to see good baseball. So it's got the nickname 'gateway to the major leagues' and we had two players that played for the Winchester Royals just recently get drafted into the Major League Baseball.

Dan Hoffman ([09:39](#)):

Oh, in this past draft?

J.R. Burns ([09:40](#)):

Yes. Anthony Simonelli who was one of them. He was a local kid from Millbrook.

Dan Hoffman ([09:45](#)):

Yes. Yeah. I saw that in the paper this morning.

J.R. Burns ([09:48](#)):

Kansas City Royals is where he got drafted. Forgive me, I don't know the name of the second one, but I can look on my email and find from John Leonard and see who that is. But I can let Jim talk on how the players.

Dan Hoffman ([09:59](#)):

Yeah, how do we find these guys?

Jim Philips ([10:02](#)):

Well, whoever we have as a head coach will start checking around and scouting these various colleges. And he'll more or less contact the college coaches and get recommendations from them. And we seem to have an elite program and we kind of go out and look for the best players that we can go and have potential to move up through the ranks.

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Dan Hoffman ([10:36](#)):

These kids are not paid.

Jim Philips ([10:39](#)):

Not paid.

Dan Hoffman ([10:39](#)):

They come here. They how do they, how do they get by during the quarter?

Jim Philips ([10:45](#)):

The only requirement that the summer leagues has is to find them a place to live and an opportunity to work approximately 28 hours a week. But most of these kids nowadays come off traveling squads and things like that before they go to college. And when it comes to these summer leagues, they don't want to work anymore.

Dan Hoffman ([11:13](#)):

So, most of them don't actually pull a part-time, 20 hours a week gig.

Jim Philips ([11:19](#)):

No. Some of them want to work, but the majority of them don't. So, we just finished a two week summer camp.

Dan Hoffman ([11:30](#)):

I saw. For kids, right?

Jim Philips ([11:31](#)):

Yes. Most of the player have been working the camps and they usually get the minimum wage.

Dan Hoffman ([11:39](#)):

So the season is starting to wrap up. Right? We're 15 and five. We just had the all-star game not too long ago. Was it last week for the Valley League All-Star Game?

Jim Philips ([11:50](#)):

Last Sunday.

Dan Hoffman ([11:55](#)):

How you feel about the season so far?

J.R. Burns ([11:58](#)):

I think it's going well. Right now, in the standings, we're sitting third. So, the top four out of each division, the south only has four teams.

Jim Philips ([12:05](#)):

Five.

J.R. Burns ([12:06](#)):

I'm sorry, five. Actually, they're down one. Covington's season got shut down. They had one player test for COVID. So, rules were with the players who were vaccinated, not vaccinated, they just got shut down, so they're out of it. We sent our apologies to them and, you know, better luck next year. But yeah, I think it feels good. Coach is really doing a good job with players. We had some players come in and didn't get to stay all year. And we knew that with him coming in. They said they weren't going to stay. They were only gonna stay until like beginning of July. So coach has done a good job, replacing them with quality players. Getting them to replaced. We've run into some, hornet's nest here and there during games and lose the ones we want to win. The close ones is the ones you want to win. You're down by a football score, then you just kinda go out and have fun. But, I'm thinking we're gonna make the playoffs. We're gonna make a run for it and hopefully get in here and beat some of these teams are doing real good, like Charlottesville.

Dan Hoffman ([13:10](#)):

Okay, excellent. For folks that aren't aware, hopefully they can catch a game before the season wraps up. What's a good way for them to get involved with the Royals? It's a nonprofit organization. It's a good community-driven event. How can someone get involved with the Royals?

J.R. Burns ([13:30](#)):

So anybody that helps out in the concession stand is not a volunteer, but they're paid a concession stand worker. I helped Ms. Betty in the ticket booth, which is Jim's wife. So, that's a volunteer position. We also got other areas that are needed for help throughout game day operations. There's always something constantly going on during the game. To get the game started, we try to get everything lined up for the announcer and everything. If we have a first pitch, we make sure somebody is down there with a baseball to give the first pitch out. There's countless things that people can come help out with and they can even get involved in. Become a board of director if they want to and get involved. Hey, you can make things happen in baseball. We really like baseball-minded people, but we'll take, you know, I don't want to say we'll take anybody, but we want to have people who are really into a family-friendly atmosphere.

Jim Philips ([14:24](#)):

Someone with a little baseball knowledge too. And right now we are looking for some board members.

Dan Hoffman ([14:31](#)):

Interesting.

Jim Philips ([14:33](#)):

We're so we're short right now.

Dan Hoffman ([14:34](#)):

Looking forward to next year, you're going to have a new field. So, I know this is going to be...

J.R. Burns ([14:39](#)):

I hope so.

Dan Hoffman ([14:39](#)):

Yep. Hope so. Fingers crossed.

J.R. Burns ([14:42](#)):

It was a drafting opportunity for the coach this year.

Dan Hoffman ([14:44](#)):

Oh, really?

J.R. Burns ([14:45](#)):

Oh yeah. Believe me, he put that out for the kids to let them know, 'Hey, you're going to be playing on a turf field', and then when everything got shut down and nothing got done to this field, we had to tell the kids, 'sorry.' They still showed up to play.

Dan Hoffman ([15:00](#)):

Absolutely. So, next year, we're going to have a turf field out here. You guys are going to share it with Shenandoah [University], I believe, right?

J.R. Burns ([15:03](#)):

Yes, sir.

Dan Hoffman ([15:04](#)):

I was talking to Shenandoah not more than a week or two ago, and we're going to have a little summit to make sure it all works out. But either way, it's going to be, I think, a huge asset for Shenandoah, for the Royals and for the city. And just having the Royals here, it's a huge asset for the city. So, I'm very grateful and very appreciative of all the volunteer hours you guys put in. And with that, let's go finish up this game and maybe the Royals can pull this one out.

J.R. Burns ([15:31](#)):

I also want to announce that if you're a business partner or you have a business,

Dan Hoffman ([15:35](#)):

Thank you.

J.R. Burns ([15:35](#)):

You want to be a sponsor of the Royals, we've got a huge sponsorship program. So, the rest of our nights are free. We've had businesses very generous around here by nights like Laura White's sponsored tonight. Be able to open the gate, let everybody in free.

Dan Hoffman ([15:52](#)):

And that is such a huge thing to know that it's a free, family-friendly event. And the announcing here is top-notch. I've always been impressed with the announcing. You got a great social media presence, so

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your sponsors really get a good value. I would say, based on just my own opinion, that you guys really make sure that they get the recognition they deserve. So, how do we find out if it's free?

J.R. Burns ([16:15](#)):

It's usually posted everywhere on our social media: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter.

Dan Hoffman ([16:20](#)):

What's the Royals website? WinchesterRoyals.org.

J.R. Burns ([16:25](#)):

Yeah. I think if you Google Winchester Royals. I don't know it off the top of my head.

Jim Philips ([16:28](#)):

WinchesterRoyals.org.

Dan Hoffman ([16:31](#)):

There you go.

J.R. Burns ([16:32](#)):

I usually just hit Google and put in Winchester Royals, click the link. But yeah, they've really done a good job updating our website. There's actually a calendar on there. You can go in there and just click on a date and they also post whether it's a free night. But social media, we're really trying to go that way with all of our announcements cause everybody's got a cell phone now.

Dan Hoffman ([16:52](#)):

All right, guys, it's been great talking to you. Great meeting you. I'm going to go enjoy the game. I'm gonna go get a cheeseburger and go Royals.

J.R. Burns ([16:59](#)):

Thank you.

Dan Hoffman ([16:59](#)):

Thank you. [Soft music] Okay, so that was our interview out at the Royals game with a J.R. and Jim. Nice guys.

Amy Simmons ([17:09](#)):

Very nice. We got to the behind the scenes look at the press box.

Dan Hoffman ([17:13](#)):

Yes. Behind the scenes of that un-air conditioned

Amy Simmons ([17:17](#)):

Our room was air-conditioned, thank goodness, but the rest wasn't.

Dan Hoffman ([17:20](#)):

Air-conditioned might be generous, but it was cooler than the rest of the of the facility. But no, I'm very excited about the upgrades that it's going to get next year when Shenandoah University or through our partnership with them. We're going to get some great upgrades in that field.

Amy Simmons ([17:38](#)):

Help them with recruiting.

Dan Hoffman ([17:39](#)):

Oh, yes. I know, when we get turf out there, it'll be very nice. It's such a good, easy, most of the games are free because they're sponsored.

Amy Simmons ([17:51](#)):

The guys are really good. The team is always good.

Dan Hoffman ([17:54](#)):

It's good baseball. I would love to have a minor league team here. Not gonna lie.

Amy Simmons ([18:01](#)):

Me too. I was so disappointed when that didn't go through last time.

Dan Hoffman ([18:05](#)):

I'm always looking for an opportunity to bring those types of amenities and activities to Winchester. So, if I see an opportunity, I'm going to go after it. But you know, in the absence of that, Royals are a great asset to have.

Amy Simmons ([18:22](#)):

Yeah. Absolutely.

Dan Hoffman ([18:23](#)):

So okay. Amy tell us what's coming up in the next week or two that we need to know about.

Amy Simmons ([18:31](#)):

Well, actually, the first thing I want to talk about was not next week, but it's in 2022 and I'm super excited about it.

Dan Hoffman ([18:38](#)):

This is far in advanced. Way farther advanced than we normally talk about stuff.

Amy Simmons ([18:40](#)):

Yes, it is. INSIGHT Citizen's Academy. Finally put together the schedule and have announced it.

Dan Hoffman ([18:47](#)):

Now, we didn't do this last year because of COVID, right?

Amy Simmons ([18:48](#)):

Unfortunately. Yes. And we had to cut the 2021 short because it started in January. It was supposed to end in May. March is when we had to close down everything. So, we didn't get to finish. But the 2022 program is going to be very different. So instead of having 16, weekly sessions in the evening, like we used to, but the last, gosh we've done this program 16 times, we're going to have five all day retreats.

Dan Hoffman ([19:16](#)):

Wow.

Amy Simmons ([19:17](#)):

So hoping it will reach a different audience or more people, hopefully, will be able to participate. I hear a lot that families or parents can't participate in the evenings cause the children's activities, schools, kind of thing. So I'm hoping to reach another audience and also the same people that we normally get, you know. Just please come out and learn more about the government. We'll talk to staff, we'll take awesome tours that you don't normally get to see and just from regular days, and then, hopefully, after you graduate, you'll have a new appreciation, new understanding of how the government works.

Dan Hoffman ([19:52](#)):

How many people do we normally allow into this academy?

Amy Simmons ([19:54](#)):

I have had as many as 40 before, which was really difficult, but usually it's around 25. We're going to try to go around 25 this time. So, space is limited.

Dan Hoffman ([20:06](#)):

We should do a podcast with them. Oh, we should do a live version of the podcast with them as like the audience and a few members of the academy being interviewed about what they've learned.

Amy Simmons ([20:17](#)):

Maybe towards the end.

Dan Hoffman ([20:18](#)):

I think that's great.

Amy Simmons ([20:18](#)):

That could be part of our closing ceremonies.

Dan Hoffman ([20:22](#)):

[Silly voice] Good idea, Dan. [Normal voice] It was a great idea, Amy.

Amy Simmons ([20:23](#)):

That was great. Yes. The reason why I'm bringing it up is because the space does go pretty quickly. It's very popular. I announced it last night in my newsletter and I already have seven people signed up. That's awesome. And I haven't even put on social media and it hasn't been the newspaper or anything like that.

Dan Hoffman ([20:40](#)):

Sigh up now people.

Amy Simmons ([20:41](#)):

Sign up now. The brochures for the new trash cart program have been mailed. It's gonna be a nice reminder since we've been talking about it so much. Send in your selection by August 20th. On our next episode of publiCITY, we will be out on the road, which we normally do, and we went to the Green Circle Trail. That [episode] will be out this Wednesday [July 28, 2021]. We talked to Tim Youmans. He's very knowledgeable about the trail since he's been helping the City with it since it started, gosh, what is it? 20 years ago? So we went to the MSV, the new part of the trails, and we killed a few spotted lanternflies while we were there. There were so many of them.

Dan Hoffman ([21:23](#)):

Good. I hate those things.

Amy Simmons ([21:23](#)):

One of them landed on Caitlin.

Dan Hoffman ([21:25](#)):

They're getting like adult size now.

Amy Simmons ([21:28](#)):

Not yet. The ones we saw anyway were the red ones.

Dan Hoffman ([21:31](#)):

You saw the nymphs? The middle...

Amy Simmons ([21:33](#)):

The teenagers. They were red with the white spots, black legs.

Dan Hoffman ([21:38](#)):

I've been killing the black ones with white spots on my grapevines pretty regularly. I got a ton of them and trying some different things to control them. But now they're getting like red.

Amy Simmons ([21:51](#)):

And they can really jump.

Dan Hoffman ([21:54](#)):

Yes, they have some crazy jumping skills and I've seen a few full-size ones. Ugh. They anger me.

Amy Simmons ([22:02](#)):

Yeah. Get them before they get full size. So, you'll see that fun because we had to stop recording because of the spotted lantern fly. So it shouldn't be fun. Also, if you remember all the heavy rain events we had recently, our engineers are strongly recommending that our community get flood insurance.

Dan Hoffman ([22:24](#)):

Yep. People, most of the city is in a floodplain. I don't know if it's most actually, but a big chunk of it is. Boscawen used to be called Water Street for a reason. Get flood insurance.

Amy Simmons ([22:36](#)):

You don't have to be in a floodplain in order to get it.

Dan Hoffman ([22:40](#)):

Exactly. And you also don't have to be in a flood plain to get flooded.

Amy Simmons ([22:43](#)):

It only takes one inch of rain.

Dan Hoffman ([22:44](#)):

Exactly. One inch of rain. Or if your property happens to be down part of a hill. We had a lot of folks in this past storm that their houses were kind of on the side of a hill or a slope and the water, to no one's surprise, flows downhill. And if it pools up in your yard or gets channeled to your yard because of the houses up the street, or the way the street curves, that's on you. I think folks sometimes have this idea that the City is responsible for any flooding of their house. We're not. It's private property. That's why you have flood insurance. That's why you look to see where water might be coming into your basement. That's why people get sump pumps. There are some rare instances where if City property...And we did have an incident during this past storm where there was an adjacent City parcel. We had been clearing some land and the way the water flowed, it happened to flood someone's basement. So yeah, that was on us. We're working to make it right. So, people get some flood insurance.

Amy Simmons ([24:06](#)):

And apparently it's very inexpensive and it covers most flooding events. Most homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding. So you need a little extra coverage. And I think one of them, or one that covers most everything, is like \$500 a year. Not too bad and it covers your entire property. And then you can get a little extra coverage for the contents if you need to.

Dan Hoffman ([24:27](#)):

Yeah. My house is the bottom of a hill and during that rain, yeah, I got an inch or two of water in my basement. It was literally streaming out of a hole in the wall in the basement. And yeah, we cleaned it up. Didn't have a lot of damage, but that's kind of what you get every so often.

Amy Simmons ([24:48](#)):

But if you didn't know that was happening, it could cause all kinds of issues. So go talk to your insurance agent. We don't get any cut off for that. We're just trying to keep you guys protected.

Dan Hoffman ([24:57](#)):

Just a little bit of a free advice.

Amy Simmons ([25:00](#)):

Right. Okay. So we have a lot of vacancies on our boards and commissions. We're hoping that some people will want to get involved and apply for those vacancies. Go to our website and under the Government tab, we have a link for our boards and commissions and there's an application and a list of which ones are vacant.

Dan Hoffman ([25:17](#)):

It's a good way to volunteer.

Amy Simmons ([25:18](#)):

Get involved in the decision making process. Right? The indoor pool, at Jim Barnett Park is getting some upgrades. It'll be closed until early September. And speaking of upgrades, the dog park was recently expanded and improved.

Dan Hoffman ([25:32](#)):

Really?

Amy Simmons ([25:33](#)):

The large dog park area is now twice the size it used to be. I mean, maybe not twice, but it's much bigger now. It has a lot of new amenities. They're building some new little pavilions, so you can stay in the shade while your dog runs around. They have some more water stations in there. So, check it out. It's free to use. Open to the public.

Dan Hoffman ([25:53](#)):

Your dog does need to be registered. Right?

Amy Simmons ([25:56](#)):

We hope. No. Hope that you have vaccinations, but they don't have to sign up in order to use it.

Dan Hoffman ([26:04](#)):

No, the little City tags.

Amy Simmons ([26:05](#)):

Oh yeah. Yeah, of course. But we're not checking so anybody could use it.

Dan Hoffman ([26:10](#)):

You don't have to be a city person, but you do need to have your dog registered.

Amy Simmons ([26:16](#)):

But I also, we just ask that you clean up after your dog and play nice with the other pooches. And last but not least, this one's pretty exciting. Mark your calendar. It's August 7th at 11 am, the Tunnel to Towers event in Old Town is coming to Winchester. Do you know what that is?

Dan Hoffman ([26:34](#)):

9/11. This is the 25th anniversary? No, no, no.

Amy Simmons ([26:39](#)):

2001. Twenty.

Speaker 2 ([26:43](#)):

20th. It's the 20th anniversary.

Amy Simmons ([26:45](#)):

Yeah. 20th anniversary. So the Tunnel to Towers Foundation CEO, Frank Siller, he's completing a Never Forget Walk to honor those heroes who lost their lives during that tragedy. And of course, every other hero who lays down their life for others. He's walking from the Pentagon to Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and then to the World Trade Center, that's over 500 miles, just to bring awareness to to this, to what they did. And his first stop along this route is in Winchester. I don't know how we got to be so lucky.

Dan Hoffman ([27:18](#)):

That's very cool.

Amy Simmons ([27:19](#)):

So there's the organizers are planning a parade similar to the [Christmas Parade] route and a barbecue event in the parking lot behind City Hall.

Dan Hoffman ([27:26](#)):

That's big.

Amy Simmons ([27:27](#)):

Yes, it is big. We encourage everybody to come out, give him a big, friendly Winchester welcome and let's pay tribute to our nation's heroes.

Dan Hoffman ([27:35](#)):

Absolutely.

Amy Simmons ([27:36](#)):

That's August 7th at 11:00 AM. Mark your calendar.

Dan Hoffman ([27:40](#)):

That's August 7th. Not September.

Amy Simmons ([27:43](#)):

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Right. Because he's going to come here before he gets up there on September 11th. Yeah.

Dan Hoffman ([27:46](#)):

Mark your calendars August 7th.

Amy Simmons ([27:48](#)):

Right. I think he's probably hoping to be at the World Trade Center by 9/11.

Dan Hoffman ([27:53](#)):

That would make sense.

Amy Simmons ([27:54](#)):

Yes. 500 miles. He's walking crazy.

Dan Hoffman ([27:58](#)):

Okay. Anything else?

Amy Simmons ([28:01](#)):

That is it.

Dan Hoffman ([28:01](#)):

Alrighty then.

Amy Simmons ([28:01](#)):

Sign up for INSIGHT.

Dan Hoffman ([28:03](#)):

Sign up for INSIGHT. And select your size trash can. Attend Council meetings and volunteer for a board or commission or something. Get involved and continue to listen to the Rouss Review.

Amy Simmons ([28:15](#)):

[Laughs] Cause we're so much fun.

Dan Hoffman ([28:17](#)):

Exactly. Yeah. Thanks again for taking the time. Just by listening, you're being better informed around about what's happening in the city and we appreciate it. So, until next time, we'll see you around City Hall.