



August 29, 2019

Dear Business Owners:

Brett Hays with Passion Pictures, an Oscar-award winning documentary film company, was introduced to us by the Champaign County Film Office. The studio was scouting areas to film a documentary about Paralympian Tatyana McFadden and decided they liked Farmer City!

He will be filming in our fine City, as follows, which includes a request for a few temporary road closures to film on September 6:

12:00 – 5:00 pm - South Main Street (Road closure)

- The intersection of Rt. 54 and Main St. up to and including the police station if possible, “as it has an interesting facade. “

4:00 – 8:00 pm - Cornfield - we'd like to film this at dusk, the golden hour. Sunset is at 7:17 pm.

- The directors want to film on a road surrounded by cornfields within easy reach of South Main Street (the shoot before) and the Budget Motel (the shoot after)? They will need to use “approx 500 metres of this.”

4:00 – 8:00 pm - outside King Ace Hardware and the big silo

- They are adding this as a backup location in case they don't get permission for one of the other locations.

7:00 – 11:00 on - Budget Motel, East Clinton Ave - around 8 pm

- They'd like to shoot in the driveway, pretending it's the road outside. They intend to contact the manager

7:00 – 11:00 pm – Casey's Gas Station, East Clinton Ave (Road closure)

- Close Summer St. from Rt. 54 to Casey's entrance. This is a backup in case they don't get permission from the Budget Motel, or in case they have enough time to do both.

The Council will discuss the road closure requests at Tuesday night's City Council meeting at 6 pm.

Brett has provided contact information for me to share with you in regards to their plans. He wants it to be a fun and positive experience for everyone. He says you may absolutely come and go from your businesses during this time, but would ask that most vehicles be parked on side streets, but does not need Main St. to be completely empty either. He and his staff will be fully available that day to talk to everyone around if you have questions or concerns.

The camera crew intends to be around town on Sept. 2, after which we will receive the final confirmed list of shooting.

If you have any questions for the City, please feel free to contact Sue McLaughlin at (309) 928-3412 or smclaughlin@cityoffarmercity.org. Thank you!

Shatterglass Studios

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FILM SCOUT

Dear Neighbors,

A new documentary movie about paraplegic athletes is filming in your neighborhood on September 6th.

The Illinois film industry employs thousands of people, and it is only through the support of local businesses and residents that it continues to grow. We are working closely with the Champaign Film Office, the City of Farmer City and the local Police Department to make film production a fun and safe experience for everyone involved.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us.

Best Regards,

Brett Hays

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