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team at Gundersen St. Joseph's ultimately felt that the event had lost the focus on health and wellness that its predecessor had possessed. And so, the team re-evaluated the run's future.

Gundersen St. Joseph's had planned to hold a more competitive version of the race in the fall of 2020—a plan which ended up scrapped due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to the development of vaccines and a nationwide vaccination campaign, the hospital was happily able to hold the race in 2021—with some modifications to limit possible spread of COVID-19, of course.

This year, the fall fun run will be returning to Hillsboro right on schedule. The run is set to take place on Saturday, October 15, beginning at 8:00A.M. Check-in time for the race begins at 7:00A.M. Runners and walkers alike will be lining up at Field

Veteran's Memorial Park the morning of race day.

The course for this year's run/walk includes the new walking trail connecting Field Veteran's Memorial Park with Gundersen St. Joseph's new facility. The trail was completed this past spring, after a few delays related to supply chain issues, and was officially opened to the public in early May with a small ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Beginning at Field Veteran's Memorial Park, this year's course will take participants around the City of Hillsboro, creating a circular trail that will bring competitors right back to Field Veteran's Memorial Park as they cross the finish line.

There's still time for those interested to register for the event. Those who would like to participate in this year's 5K/10K Run/Walk can receive a limited edition t-shirt if they register

before Wednesday, September 28. Those who register after this date will not be guaranteed a t-shirt. The registration fee is \$20 for those participating in the 5k race and \$30 for those participating in the 10k race. Those who would prefer to walk the course—and those who are 12 years old or younger—can register for \$15.

Those interested in participating in this year's race can visit runsignup.com/Race/WI/Hillsboro/StJosephsFunRun to sign up for whichever portion of the event you prefer.

Not only is the race a chance to get out and get active, but participants can also help support Gundersen St. Joseph's through their registration. This event doubles as a fundraiser for the hospital, and this year the proceeds will go to benefiting Gundersen St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Department.

ORDINANCE

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public hearing on Monday, voicing their own concerns and opinions on the situation.

Residents Jim and Michelle Rice voiced concerns regarding safety, potential strains on the city's utilities, and the additional stress increased traffic loads could place on city streets. They also voiced concerns on the possibility of these ventures impacting the housing market in the city, not only removing homes from the market that might otherwise be occupied by families who would invest in the community but also impacting property values in the rental's vicinity.

Paul Richardson, another local resident, offered his own comments. He praised the City of Hillsboro for its long-standing commitment to "long-range thinking," citing projects such as the installation of the swimming pool and the development of Tinker's Bluff. Richardson spoke on the community effort that enabled the development and creation of the Hotel Hillsboro, and questioned if allowing too many Airbnb rentals in Hillsboro would ultimately take business away from the hotel.

Snapper Verbsky, owner and operator of HBC alongside his wife Kim, also spoke during Monday night's council meeting. Verbsky offered his agreement with many of the concerns voiced by others in attendance, but also offered his own views on the matter.

"The hotel just isn't big enough," says Verbsky. "We need more

rooms." For Verbsky, the use of Airbnb rentals to help supplement the space offered by the Hotel Hillsboro and other local rentals, such as the Blue Highway Lodge, is necessary until another hotel is built.

Another local business owner, Karri Bartlett, took a turn to speak as well. Bartlett owns and operates the Blue Highway Lodge alongside her husband, Nathan Toth. For Bartlett, the biggest concern regarding Airbnb rentals involves just how easy it can be to open one without needing to adhere to any of the regulations a standard hotel or vacation rental service is held to, particularly when it comes to health and safety.

Following the closure of the public comment portion of the meeting, and the public hearing regarding the rezoning of a property located on Hillsborough Avenue to enable the operation of an Airbnb rental, the council voted to approve the rezoning. Alderwoman Elizabeth Parish voted against the rezoning.

Another ordinance was passed following the rezoning, this one focused on establishing guidelines for short-term rentals in the City of Hillsboro. The new ordinance largely takes its wording and requirements from existing state statutes, with some revisions made for the city.

According to the new ordinance, those looking to turn their property into a short-term rental must apply for and receive a permit from the city in order to do so. Requirements

for the permit include providing information such as proof of insurance, identification of the owner, and identification and phone number of the residential operator.

Short-term rental properties are expected to adhere to state statutes, and are expected to have functional smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to comply with health and safety guidelines. These properties are also expected to adhere to "quiet hours" established by the city. Here in Hillsboro, these hours begin at 10:00P.M.

Permits may be forfeit if the owner becomes delinquent with regards to taxes or other payments owed to the city. Should a property see three calls for police services in a 12-month period, the council may refuse to renew the property's short-term rental permit.

Among the revisions made to the ordinance were conditions that resident operator must live either in the City of Hillsboro or within 25 miles of the city and that a log of license plates of those renting the property should be maintained in case of an emergency.

The ordinance passed with full council support and goes into effect immediately. There will be no grandfathering in of previously established short-term rental properties within the City of Hillsboro; all relevant properties, current and future, will be expected to abide by the new ordinance moving forward. Copies of the new ordinance can be found by contacting City Hall during business hours.

Amish family injured in Friday collision

By Sentry-Enterprise Staff

On Friday, September 16, the Vernon County 9-1-1 Dispatch Center received a call at approximately 5:55P.M. regarding a collision between a vehicle and an Amish buggy in the township of Hillsboro.

According to reports, 45-year-old Casey P. McQuade

of Amery, WI, was traveling west along State Highway 33, near Town Shop Road, when he struck an Amish buggy that was also traveling along the westbound lane of State Highway 33.

The buggy was transported a family of five at the time of the collision: 30-year-old Titus C. Yoder, 25-year-old

Rebecca Yoder, and their three children. The Yoder family was transported to Gundersen St. Joseph's in Hillsboro to receive treatment for non-life-threatening injuries.

Present and assisting at the scene were the Hillsboro Fire Department, the Hillsboro Ambulance Service, and the Elroy Ambulance Service.

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